Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali and represent its key symbols through creative illustration.

Use this sheet to illustrate a scene celebrating Diwali. Follow the steps below to build your drawing, then use the word bank to label your final masterpiece.

Draw: Create a vibrant, detailed scene depicting a Diwali celebration. In the centre, draw a large, intricate Rangoli pattern on the floor using geometric shapes. Place several glowing 'diya' lamps around the pattern. Surround the scene with marigold flower garlands. Use a bright colour palette to show joy and celebration. Style: Artistic and decorative.

Label words: Diya lamp · Rangoli pattern · Festival of Lights · Marigold flowers · Sweets

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large, circular Rangoli pattern in the centre of your page. Use symmetrical shapes like triangles and petals to create a complex design.
2. Step 2: Draw three 'diya' lamps around the edge of your pattern. Make sure to draw a small flame at the top of each one.
3. Step 3: Explain why light is such an important symbol during the Diwali festival. How does it represent the core message of the celebration?

4. Step 4: Compare and contrast a 'diya' lamp with a modern light bulb. Why might families choose to use traditional oil lamps for this specific celebration?

5. Step 5: Justify your choice of colours for your Rangoli. Why do bright, vibrant colours help convey the mood of a festival?