A Bright Diwali Quiz with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the key traditions and meaning of Diwali, the festival of lights.

Hello! Max the Monkey is here to help you solve this maths-style puzzle about Diwali. Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you get stuck. Write your answers on the lines provided.

Answer Key: 1. A (Diwali), 2. True, 3. True, 4. Lamps, 5. False, 6. True, 7. Rangoli, 8. True, 9. Sweets, 10. Light. (Teacher Note: Diwali is the festival of light celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. It symbolises the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.)

Word bank: Diwali · Lamps · Light · Rangoli · Sweets

1. 1. What is the name of the festival of lights? A) Diwali* B) Summer C) Winter D) Spring (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Diwali is known as the festival of lights. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: People clean their homes to get ready for Diwali. (1 mark)

4. 4. What do people light to decorate their houses? (Hint: They are small oil pots.) (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Diwali is a sad festival. (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Families share delicious food during Diwali. (1 mark)

7. 7. What are the colourful patterns made on the floor called? (Starts with R) (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: People wear new clothes for the celebration. (1 mark)

9. 9. What kind of tasty treats do people often give to friends? A) Salt B) Sweets* C) Rocks D) Sand (1 mark)

10. 10. Does Diwali celebrate light or darkness? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful, bright oil lamp (a diya) to help celebrate Diwali.

Extension challenge: Max the Monkey found 3 boxes of sweets. Each box cost £2. How much did he spend in total? (Remember: £2 + £2 + £2 = ?)