

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and how it is celebrated by Hindu families.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of the Diwali festival to write your answers. Think about the stories and traditions that make this time of year special.

Diwali is a beautiful festival celebrated by millions of people around the world. It is known as the Festival of Lights. Families decorate their homes with clay lamps called diyas to symbolise the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Many people create colourful patterns on the floor near their entrance called rangoli to welcome guests and prosperity into their homes. It is a time for sharing sweets, wearing new clothes, and spending time with loved ones.

Word bank: Diyas · Rangoli · Lakshmi · Rama · Sita · Light · Goodness · Fireworks

1. Why is Diwali often called the 'Festival of Lights'? (2 marks)

2. Explain what a 'rangoli' is and why families create them at the entrance of their homes. (2 marks)

3. Pip the caterpillar wants to buy some beautiful clay diyas for his library. If one diya costs £2.50, how much would it cost to buy three diyas? (2 marks)

4. Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil. Can you name one way that families show kindness or share joy during this festival? (1 mark)

5. The story of Rama and Sita is often remembered during Diwali. Why is this story important to the celebration? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a colourful rangoli pattern in the space below. Use geometric shapes like squares, triangles, and circles to create a symmetrical design that would look beautiful on a doorstep.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are inviting Nova the owl to your Diwali celebration. Write a short invitation explaining one tradition you would share with her and why it is important to you.