

Learning about Diwali with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To understand the festival of Diwali and how it is celebrated.

Read the questions carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. You can ask for help if you need to read the questions.

Nova the Owl is learning about Diwali. Diwali is the festival of light. It is a happy time. Many people clean their homes to get ready. They light small clay lamps called diyas. They make pretty patterns on the floor called Rangoli. People wear new clothes and share sweet food with their family.

Word bank: Diwali · light · diya · Rangoli · celebrate · family · new · bright

1. 1. What is another name for Diwali? (Hint: Nova says it is the festival of...) (2 marks)

2. 2. What is the name of the small clay lamp used at Diwali? (2 marks)

3. 3. Name one way people get their homes ready for Diwali. (3 marks)

4. 4. Why do you think people light lamps during this festival? (4 marks)

5. 5. Write a short story about how you would celebrate a special festival with your friends or family. Use these sentence starters: I would wear... We would eat... It is a happy time because... (9 marks)

Draw: In the box below, draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern or a bright diya lamp.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you write a sentence about why sharing food is important at festivals?