

A Bright Celebration with Bea the Bee

Learning objective: To retrieve information and make simple inferences about the festival of Diwali.

Read the story about Bea below. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Bea the honeybee loves to learn about how people celebrate around the world. Today, she is learning about Diwali. Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights. It is a special time for many families. To get ready, people clean their homes to make them look beautiful. They often draw colourful patterns on the floor called rangoli. These patterns are made with bright powder or flower petals. When the sun goes down, people light small oil lamps called diyas. They place the lamps in rows to make the house glow. Families share yummy sweets and wear their best clothes. It is a happy time to be with friends and family. Bea loves how the warm light makes everyone feel cosy and joyful. She thinks the patterns are like the beautiful flowers she visits in the garden. Diwali is a wonderful time to share kindness and happiness with others.

Word bank: Diwali · light · diya · festival · family · celebrate

1. What is another name for the festival of Diwali? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. What are the small oil lamps called? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Why do people clean their homes before Diwali? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. How do you think people feel during Diwali? Use a word from the text. (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Bea likes the rangoli patterns. Do you think Diwali is a fun festival? Why? (2 marks) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a glowing diya lamp and a pretty rangoli pattern next to it.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a celebration. Write down three things you would do to make your friends feel happy and welcome.