Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the festival of lights, and identify key symbols associated with the celebration.

Follow the drawing prompt to create your own Diwali scene. Use the word bank to label your artwork, and answer the questions below to show your deeper understanding of the festival.

Draw: Draw a festive Diwali scene. In the centre, draw a beautifully decorated Rangoli pattern on the floor using bright, geometric shapes. Surround the pattern with several small, glowing diyas (oil lamps). Include Nova the Owl wearing a colourful scarf, looking at the lights with wonder. Use warm colours like orange, yellow, and gold to show the glow of the lamps against a darker background.

Label words: Diya · Rangoli · Light · Celebration · Pattern · Family

Steps:

1. Explain why people light diyas during Diwali. What do you think the light represents?
2. Compare and contrast the patterns in a Rangoli design to patterns you might see in nature. Give one example.
3. Justify your answer: Why is sharing food and gifts an important part of a celebration like Diwali?
4. What might happen if someone decided to celebrate Diwali without any light? Explain your reasoning.