

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Nova the Owl

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and how it is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains.

Read the questions carefully and use what you know about the Festival of Lights to answer them. Nova the Owl is excited to see how you shine!

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by millions of people around the world. It is known as the Festival of Lights. Families decorate their homes with bright, colourful patterns on the floor called Rangoli. They also light small clay lamps called Diyas to fill their homes with warmth. Diwali is a time to celebrate the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. People often wear new clothes, share delicious sweets with their neighbours, and spend time with their families.

Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Rangoli · Light · Family · Good · Evil

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

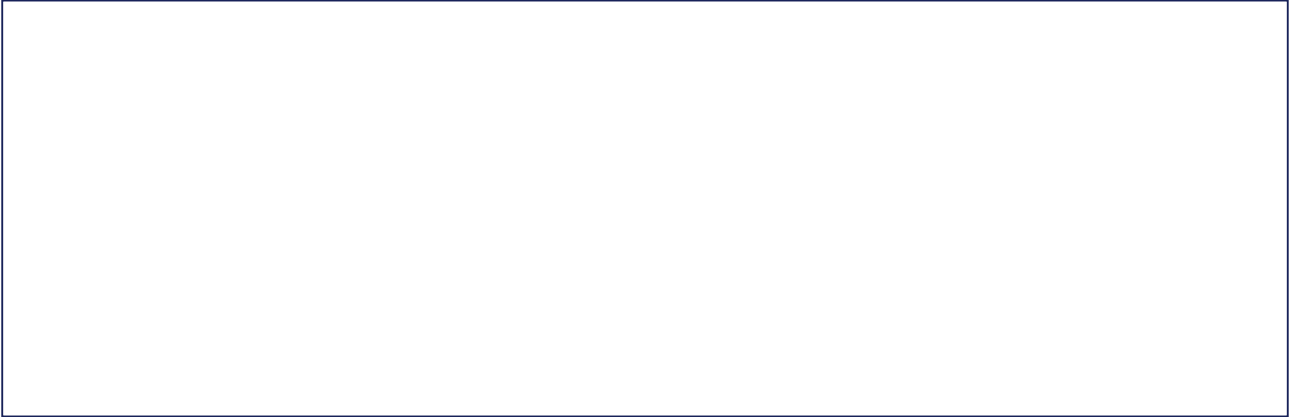
2. Describe what a 'Rangoli' is and where you might see one. (2 marks)

3. Name one way that families celebrate Diwali together. (1 mark)

4. Diwali represents the victory of 'good over evil'. Can you explain what this means in your own words? (2 marks)

5. If you were buying a small decorative Diya for your home that costs £2.50, and you paid with a £5.00 note, how much change would you receive? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern inside a circle. Use bright colours and symmetrical shapes like stars, flowers, or triangles.



Extension challenge: Nova the Owl wants to know: If you were hosting a Diwali party, what kind of kind message would you write on a card to share with a friend? Write your message below.