

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with the BookFlik Friends

Learning objective: To identify the key traditions, symbols, and stories associated with the celebration of Diwali.

Pip, Zara, and the other BookFlik friends are learning all about Diwali! Use the words from the word bank to complete the sentences below and help them understand how the Festival of Lights is celebrated.

Word bank: Rangoli · Diyas · Lakshmi · Prosperity · Mithai · Mandir · Rama

1. Zara is using brightly coloured powders and petals to create a beautiful _____ pattern on the floor to welcome guests and deities into the home. (1 mark)

2. Pip is carefully placing small oil lamps called _____ around the windowsills to symbolise the victory of light over darkness. (1 mark)

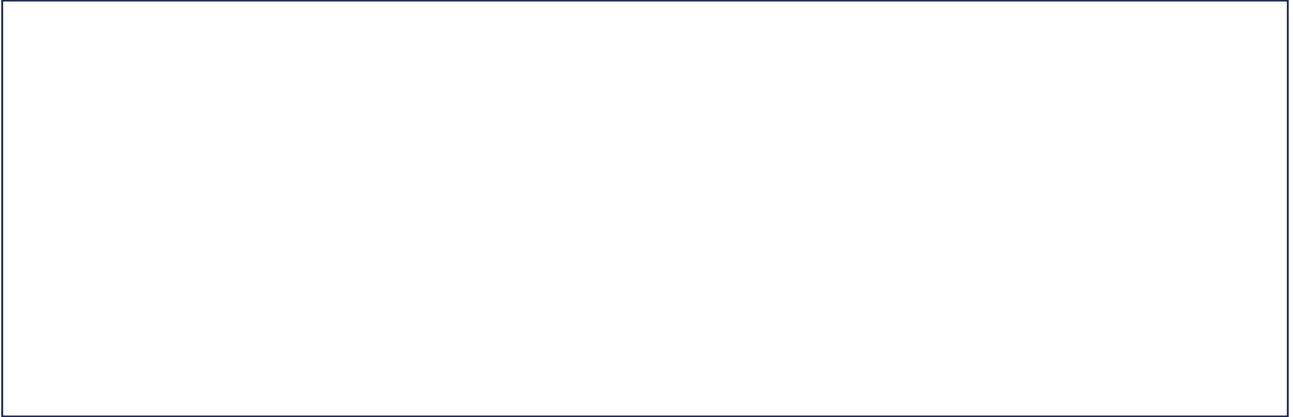
3. Ellie explains that many Hindus celebrate the return of Prince _____ and Sita to the kingdom of Ayodhya after fourteen years in exile. (1 mark)

4. Kit is joining a community gathering at the _____, which is the Hindu place of worship, to offer prayers during the festival. (1 mark)

5. Max is helping to box up delicious traditional sweets known as _____ to share with his friends and neighbours. (1 mark)

6. Bea learns that many families pray to the Goddess _____, the goddess of wealth, to bring _____ and good fortune for the year ahead. (2 marks)

Draw: Zara loves patterns! In the space below, design your own Rangoli pattern. Remember to use symmetrical shapes and imagine using bright, vibrant colours.



Extension challenge: Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains. Choose one of these religions and write two sentences explaining a specific reason why this group celebrates the festival.