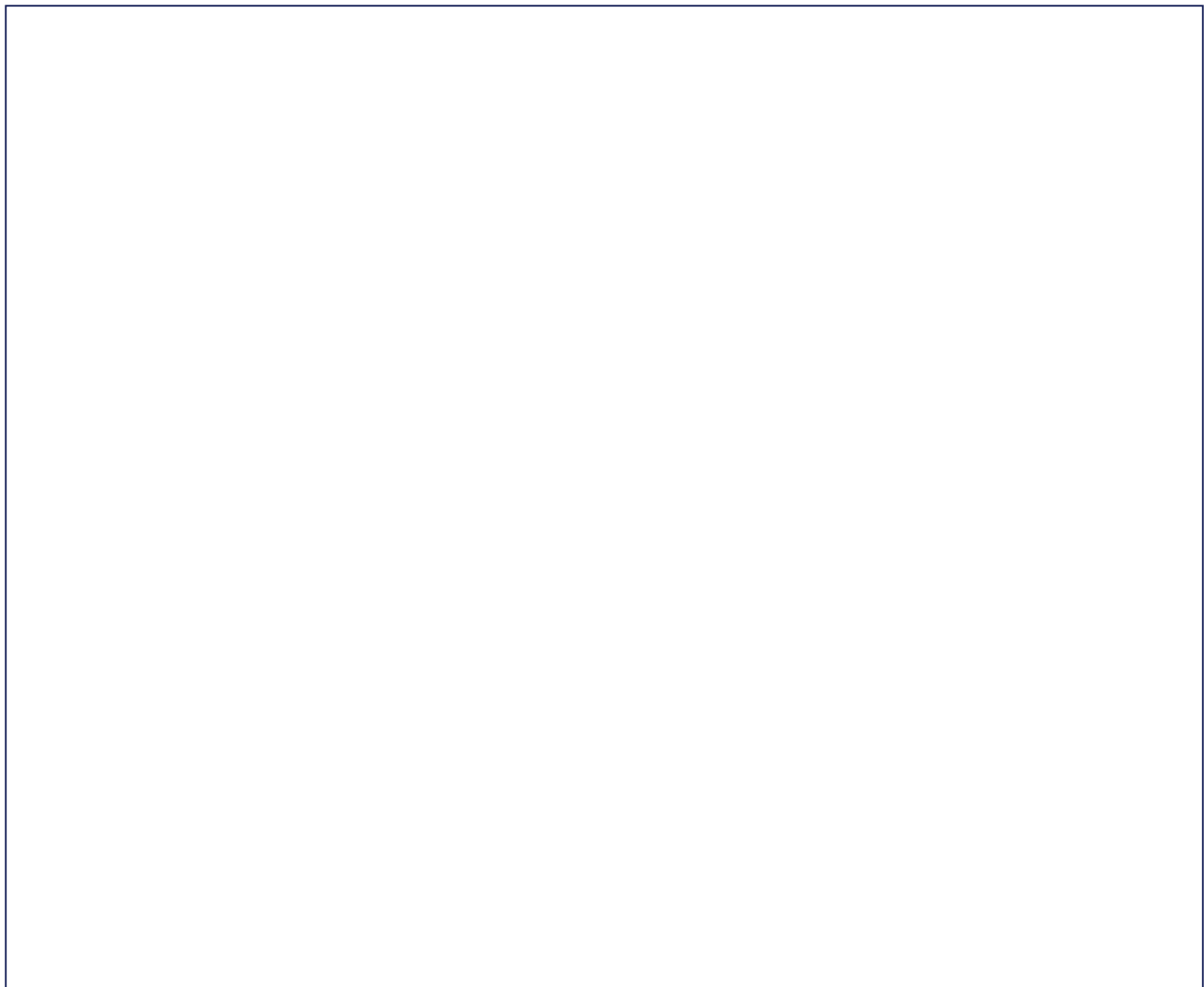


Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Zara

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali by exploring its key symbols and artistic traditions.

Follow the drawing prompt below to create your own Diwali celebration scene. Use the word bank to label the important features of your drawing. Think about how Zara the Zebra would use patterns and colours to make your design bright and welcoming!

Draw: Draw a scene showing the entrance to a house during Diwali. In the centre of the page, draw a large, intricate Rangoli pattern on the ground using bright colours and geometric shapes like circles and triangles. Surround the edge of the pattern with several small, glowing 'Diyas' (clay lamps). In the background, draw the silhouette of a house with an open door to show a welcoming atmosphere. Use a warm colour palette of oranges, yellows, and reds to represent the light.



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

Steps:

1. Label the oil lamp in your drawing as a 'Diya' and explain why these are lit during Diwali.
2. Describe the patterns you have drawn for your Rangoli. Why do people create these at the entrance of their homes?

3. If you were buying decorations for a small Diwali party, you find a pack of 12 colourful candles for £8.40. How much does one candle cost?
4. Why is Diwali often called the 'Festival of Lights'?
5. List two colours you chose for your Rangoli and explain why you think they represent a happy celebration.