

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Nova

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and identify key traditions and their symbolic meanings within Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism.

Nova the owl is preparing for a Diwali celebration! Use the word bank to help Nova sort the key traditions into the correct categories. For each item, explain why it is important to the festival. Use full sentences.

Word bank: Diyas · Rangoli · Lakshmi Puja · New clothes · Sweets (Mithai) · Light over darkness

1. What is the symbolic meaning of lighting 'Diyas' (clay lamps) during Diwali? (2 marks)

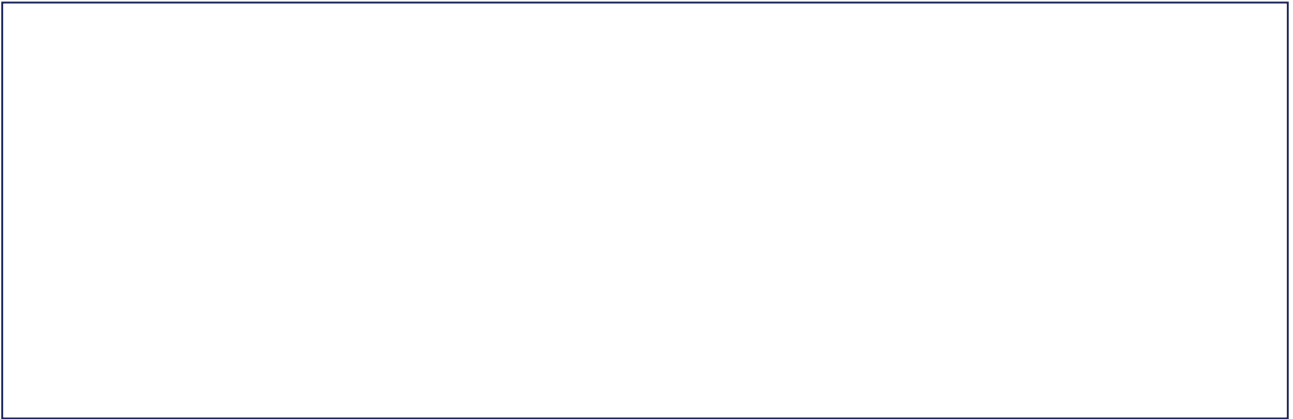
2. Describe how 'Rangoli' patterns are created and why they are placed at the entrance of homes. (2 marks)

3. Why do families often wear new clothes and share 'Mithai' (sweets) during the festival? (2 marks)

4. In the story of Rama and Sita, what does the lighting of the path symbolise for the returning travellers? (2 marks)

5. Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains. Choose one of these faiths and explain one reason why they celebrate Diwali. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful, symmetrical Rangoli pattern inside the circle below. Remember to use bright colours and geometric shapes, just like Zara the zebra would!



Extension challenge: Imagine you are hosting a Diwali celebration for your friends. You have a budget of £20.00. Write a short list of three items you would buy to decorate your home or share with guests, ensuring the total cost does not exceed your budget.