Learning about Diwali: A Special Festival of Light

Learning objective: To show understanding of the meaning, traditions, and significance of Diwali.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your writing. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by millions of people. It is often called the Festival of Light. People light small oil lamps called diyas to welcome goodness. Families clean their homes and draw colourful patterns called rangoli on the floor. It is a time to share delicious food, wear new clothes, and celebrate with friends and family. It represents the victory of light over darkness.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Rangoli · New beginnings · Family · Good over evil

1. 1. What is another name for the festival of Diwali? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. 2. What are the small oil lamps used during Diwali called? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. 3. Name two things that families do to prepare for the festival. (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. 4. Why do people light diyas in their homes? (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. 5. Explain what 'good over evil' means in your own words. (4 marks) (4 marks)

6. 6. Imagine you are celebrating Diwali with your friends. Describe three things you would do to celebrate and why they are important to you. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. 7. How much might a family spend on food for a big celebration? If they buy 5 packs of sweets at £2 each and a bag of fruit for £3, what is the total cost? (8 marks) (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a colourful rangoli pattern in the space below. Use bright colours and repeating shapes.

Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Write one sentence about why sharing food is a kind thing to do during a festival.