Diwali: The Radiant Festival of Lights

Join Nova the Owl on a journey of discovery—let your knowledge shine as bright as a diya!

- **Why is light used as the primary symbol during the five days of Diwali, and what does it represent in terms of knowledge over ignorance?**
- **How do families prepare their homes, and why is the act of cleaning and decorating with Rangoli patterns considered an auspicious start to the new year?**
- **In what ways does the festival encourage the values of charity and kindness towards the wider community?**
- **How does the story of Rama and Sita (or other regional narratives) influence the way the festival is observed by different groups?**
- **Compare and contrast how Diwali is celebrated in the UK compared to its traditional roots in India; what adaptations have been made to fit the British climate and culture?**

Did you know? Did you know? During Diwali, the night sky is illuminated not just by fireworks, but by thousands of small clay oil lamps called 'diyas'. These are placed in rows to represent the inner light that protects every household from spiritual darkness.

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