Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Pip and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the key traditions, meaning, and significance of Diwali for Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains.

Read the sentences carefully. Pip the caterpillar and Ellie the elephant are here to help! Choose the right answer or write one word. Use the word bank if you get stuck.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. A, 3. True, 4. False, 5. Diyas, 6. Rangoli, 7. True, 8. Lakshmi, 9. Good, 10. True.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Rangoli · Good · Evil · Lakshmi

1. 1. What is another name for Diwali? A) The Festival of Flowers, B) The Festival of Light*, C) The Festival of Rain, D) The Festival of Food (1 mark)

2. 2. Who celebrates Diwali? A) Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains*, B) Only farmers, C) Only explorers, D) Nobody (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil. (True/False) (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: Diwali is celebrated in the middle of winter. (True/False) (1 mark)

5. 5. What are the small clay lamps used during Diwali called? (One word answer) (1 mark)

6. 6. What do people use to make colourful patterns on the floor? (One word answer) (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: People often wear new clothes for Diwali. (True/False) (1 mark)

8. 8. Which goddess is often welcomed into homes during Diwali? (One word answer) (1 mark)

9. 9. Diwali represents the victory of _____ over evil. (One word answer) (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Families share sweets and gifts with friends. (True/False) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern using different shapes and colours, just like Zara the zebra would do!

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a Diwali party. If you bought 5 boxes of sweets for £2 each, how much money did you spend in total?