Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Zara

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and identify key symbols used during the celebration.

Zara the zebra is learning about Diwali! Use the word bank to label your drawing and show how people celebrate this special time. Make sure your drawing is bright and colorful.

Draw: Create a scene showing a Diwali celebration. Include a beautiful, symmetrical Rangoli pattern on the floor made of bright colors. Place several small clay diva lamps around the room to create a warm, glowing light effect. In the background, show a window looking out at a night sky filled with colorful fireworks. Draw Zara the zebra enjoying the scene with a plate of traditional sweets nearby.

Label words: Diva lamp · Rangoli pattern · Fireworks · Family · Sweet treats

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a large Rangoli pattern on the floor in the center of your page. Why are these patterns usually made at the entrance of a home?
2. Step 2: Draw three small, glowing diva lamps. What do these lamps represent in the story of Diwali?
3. Step 3: Label the 'Diva lamp' and 'Rangoli pattern' on your picture using the words from the word bank.
4. Step 4: Draw a plate of sweet treats to share. Why is sharing food an important part of a celebration?

5. Step 5: Add a night sky above your scene. Draw some fireworks. How do fireworks help express the joy of the festival?