Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Zara

Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali and the traditions associated with it.

Zara the zebra loves the bright patterns and colors of Diwali. Look at the list of traditions below. Decide if each one is part of the Diwali festival. Tick 'Yes' if it belongs to Diwali, or 'No' if it does not. If you tick 'No', write one sentence explaining why it is not part of Diwali using the word bank.

Word bank: Diwali · festival · light · diya · rangoli · celebration · tradition

1. 1. Families light small clay oil lamps called diyas. Is this part of Diwali? (Yes/No) (2 marks)

2. 2. People create colorful patterns on the floor called rangoli. Is this part of Diwali? (Yes/No) (2 marks)

3. 3. People decorate a pine tree with glass baubles and tinsel. Is this part of Diwali? (Yes/No) (2 marks)

4. 4. Families share sweets and enjoy a special meal together. Is this part of Diwali? (Yes/No) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful rangoli pattern inside the circle below. Use bright colors and repeating shapes like Zara the zebra does!

Extension challenge: Zara wants to buy some new clay lamps for her celebration. If one box of lamps costs £4.50 and she buys two boxes, how much money does she spend in total?