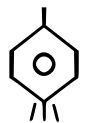


DIWALI FACT CARDS

Cut out the cards and read one fact each day. Color the pictures!

<p>1</p> <p>Diwali is the Festival of Lights. It is celebrated by millions of people in India and around the world.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Diwali comes in October or November, on the darkest night of the month, when there is a new moon.</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>A diya is a small clay lamp with a cotton wick. Families light rows of diyas at doors and windows.</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>A rangoli is a colorful floor pattern made with colored powder, rice or flower petals to welcome guests.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>People share sweets called mithai, like round ladoos, barfi and swirly jalebi.</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>An akash kandil is a paper lantern, often shaped like a star, hung outside the home.</p> 
<p>7</p> <p>Orange and yellow marigolds are strung into garlands and torans to decorate doorways.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Families clean and decorate their homes, wear new clothes, give gifts and visit friends.</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Many families watch fireworks or light sparklers together on Diwali night.</p> 