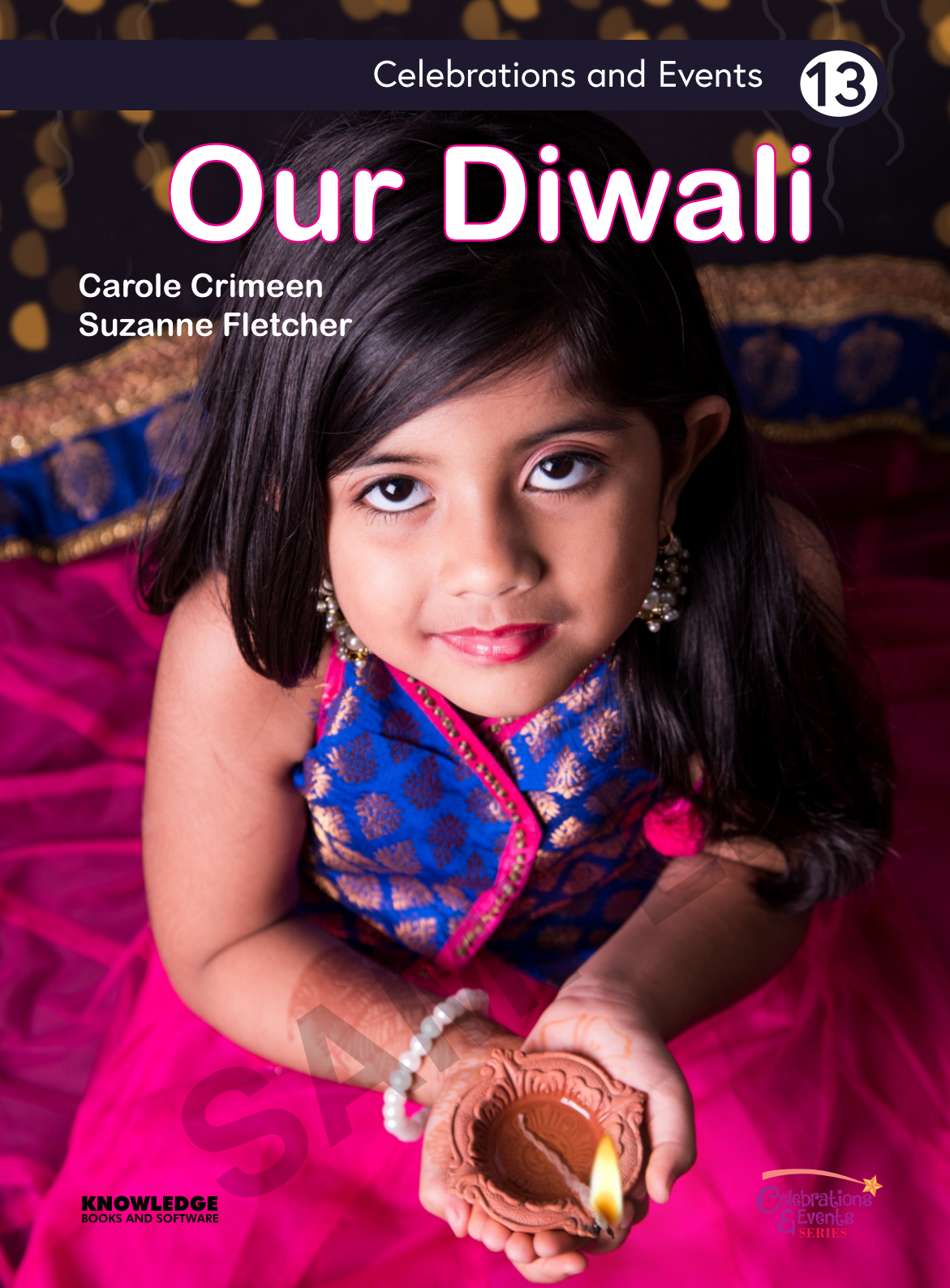


# Our Diwali

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## Suggested Teaching and Learning

**Text Type:** Non-Fiction

**Genre:** Recount

**Suggested Reading Recovery Level:** 4

**Word Count:** 85

### ACARA F-1 References

**Learning Areas:** English; Humanities and Social Sciences

**General Capabilities:** Literacy; Intercultural Understanding

**Cross Curriculum Priorities:** Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia

### Understanding Texts

- Build background knowledge with a rich book introduction. Ensure students know Diwali is the Festival of Lights, that it is a time to be with family, friends and a time to be good. Have them hear, locate and say the words Diwali and beginnings. Introduce them to some of the things that are done at Diwali such as buying new clothes, making snacks and sweet and gift giving. \*UnT4, UnT5
- Show students the words in bold and locate them in the picture glossary. Tell them the purpose of the glossary. \*UnT5
- After reading, make a list of the things that the children in the book do at Diwali. Talk about some of the things that students do with their family that are similar and when they do them e.g. new clothes at Easter; special snacks and sweets at their birthday. \*UnT4

**Vocabulary:** beginnings, Diwali, festival, lights, sister, snacks

**High Frequency Words:** for, good, is, it, like, look, my, play, put, we, will

### Phonic Knowledge and Word Recognition + Phonological Awareness

- Locate the words eating and playing. Notice the ing ending. Use magnetic letters to make the words then break the ing ending off. Add ing to other words from the book such as put, look and buy. \*PKW5
- Locate the words time, make and game. Have students hear the long vowel sound and see the e on the end. Explain the rule. Find other CVCe words and read. \*PKW5

\*National Literacy Learning Progressions

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**The Hindu Festival of Lights**



It is Diwali.

Diwali is

the **Festival** of Lights.





Diwali is a time to be good  
and think about  
new beginnings.







Look at the lights.

We will put up the lights  
for Diwali.







# Glossary



festival



snacks



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**Our Diwali** is an informational text that describes the religious holiday celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is a time of happiness where families celebrate by giving gifts, buying new clothes and playing games.

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