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The Mystery of the Missing Diwali Sweets

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The squirrel might have been motivated by the delicious smell of the sweets and the temptation to enjoy them. It could have also been searching for food for its family.
2. Polly's detective skills helped the Gupta family by keeping a close watch on the kitchen and following the squirrel to its hiding place. Polly's observations and actions led to the discovery of the hidden sweets.
3. The Gupta family's decision to share their sweets with the squirrel family reflected the spirit of Diwali by emphasizing the values of kindness, generosity, and compassion. It showed that Diwali is not just about enjoying sweets but also about sharing and caring for others.
4. Polly the parrot contributed to the resolution of the mystery by identifying the squirrel as the culprit and leading the family to the hidden sweets. Polly also played a crucial role in bringing the two families together and making their Diwali celebration special and memorable.

