St Mawes Primary & Nursery School

# November Newsletter

14th November 2024

#### Stars of the week



## **Don't Forget**

20<sup>th</sup> November
Individual school
photos.
Please let Dee know if
you wish
for one to be taken
with a sibling)

### Castle Class News

We started the second part of our Autumn term with a week of celebrations. We read a story called Confetti, all about a little girl Ari, and the little piece of confetti she finds behind her sofa. We enjoyed listening to all the celebrations she had been part of. We found out a lot about Diwali by reading a leaflet and making our own rangoli patterns. We shared all the things that made celebrations fun, talking about food, costumes and decorations. We are now learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood, designing wolf masks and exploring our senses. We are all very much looking forward to all the Christmas activities so dust off the festive jumpers! The pantomime is booked, and we will soon be working on items to sell at the Christmas Fair. More information to come soon.













#### Sail Class News

In Sail class, we have been learning about rivers in Geography. We have learnt key vocabulary such as source, mouth, meander and oxbow lake. We have located rivers of the world in atlases and labelled pictures of rivers. In our VIPERS reading lessons, we have been reading non-fiction texts about layers of the rainforest and the Amazon River. In our writing lessons, we have written poetry about bonfire night and fireworks. We are now preparing to write a factual report about rainforests, using appropriate features such as sub-headings, technical language and fronted adverbials. We are coming to the end of our addition and subtraction unit in Maths and moving onto multiplication and division. Children have also been practising their times tables daily, in booklets and on TT Rockstars, as well as completing daily arithmetic quizzes. Our artist study for this half term is the sculptor, Jeff Koons, who created contemporary pop art including his 'Balloon Dog' series. We created our own balloon dog inspired pieces of art, by drawing, colouring and cutting oval shapes and sticking them together inside a photo frame.







#### PLEASE REMEMBER

To send your child into school with a winter coat.

PE Kits should be in school all week School shoes/trainers should be ALL

black with no other colours Thank you



**Attendance** 



18th November – Sydney 6<sup>th</sup> December – Abby 18<sup>th</sup> December - Arthur