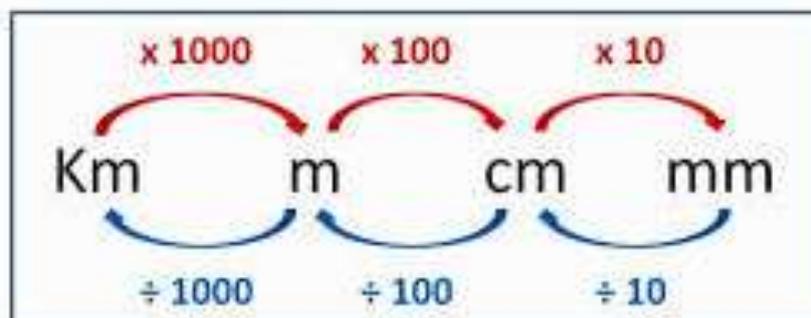




Dear Parents/ Carers,

As the heat wave continues, we have had another incredibly hot week at school, with one corner of the classroom becoming popular thanks to the new fan! Of course the heat has not stopped us from having a productive week. The children have been busy preparing props and costumes for the school play: cutting, sticking, painting, drawing and much more. It has been lovely to see them be so creative and work well with each other to produce great pieces of art. Our creativity was also put to the test during the construction of our international day banner. We used it as an opportunity to reflect on which countries are significant to us and all the children decorated a cut out of their hand with the flags of those relevant countries. Despite the heat, we had a lovely sports day today. The children were fantastic: it's always great to see their competitive sides, however, they were also brilliantly supportive and encouraging of their peers. Thank you to all of you who came along to support and cheer for them.

In maths we have moved on from coordinates and translating shapes to look at measure, more specifically converting units of measure. We began the week by exploring how to convert between kilograms and grams, before moving onto look at the relationship between millimetres and centimetres. This has provided us not only with the perfect opportunity to revisit how to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000, placing numbers in place value grids and moving them the correct number of places but has also given us a good context to practise rounding decimal numbers to the nearest whole number. All of these skills are very important and it is crucial that they are practising them at home. Ask them to do some measuring for you and change the units from mm to cm or discuss what units you would use to measure different things. We will continue with our work on converting between simple units of measure next week.



We have had a focus on use of correct punctuation for speech in literacy this week. All children by the end of year 4 should be using commas, inverted commas, capital letters and punctuation within the inverted commas correctly when punctuating direct speech. For example: *As Amazon class sat reading quietly, three children rose up and declared, "We have not updated our world cup display. Please can we do it?"* Many children are still leaving the comma out before the speech. Every child in the class was given a

picture of a scene from the Lion King and asked to draw around it speech bubbles of what the characters might be saying. They then had to use this speech to write a short piece of correctly punctuated dialogue. They produced some great pieces of well punctuated writing which were all quite amusing!

Important notices:

1. The Key Stage 2 Production of the Lion King is on Wednesday 18th July at 1.30 p.m. and Thursday 19th July at 6:30 p.m. All children must arrive at school at 5:45 on Thursday in order to get ready for the evening performance in time for its start time of 6:30 pm.
COSTUME - Please get a plain black top and plain black bottoms for your child to wear as costume for the production. All costumes should have been handed in today so any remaining costumes please bring in ASAP.
2. Next Friday, we have our third and finale sharing assembly of the year. We will be using it to share our memories and photos from Hill End so please do come along if you can.

As always if you have any concerns or queries please email me ehan1296@ste.bbes.oxon.sch.uk) or arrange a meeting.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Ella Handley

Important dates:

- Friday 13th July - Hill End sharing assembly
- 17th July Shuffle Up morning
- Wednesday 18th July Lion King performance at 1.30 p.m.
- Thursday 19th July Lion King performance at 6.30 p.m.