Year 1
Spring Term
06.03.2026

English
This week, we have been focusing on extracts from the story 'Alice in Wonderland' as part of our World Book Day celebrations. This culminated yesterday in the children retelling part of the story set as homework last week. They also focused on using their best handwriting.

Maths
We have been working on using Cuisenaire rods to help us remember both our number bonds to ten and then how by knowing our number bonds to ten, we can use that to help us remember our number bonds to 20. We use a system to ensure we found all possible number bonds to 20.

Spellings and Homework
- Dolphin
- Telephone
- Photograph
- Phonics
- Elephant
- Sphere
- Nephew
- Alphabet
- Wednesday
- Because

The children are to write these words into a sentence.
This week we have continued our Phase 5 sounds of 'ph' as 'f.'

We will also continue practising our Phase 5 sounds ai, ay, oy, oi, ie, igh ai, a_e, o_e and oa, e_e, ea, ee, ou, ow, ch, ur, ue, oo, ew, y, au, aw, or, oa, oe, ow, wh, soft c and g.

Other Homework:
Please read and record this in their reading record. Books are changed on a Monday and Wednesday.

Science
This week we continued our new topic of 'Plants.' We were naming the parts of a plant and then finding each part we named on a plant. We also described what was similar and what was different when we were comparing the various parts of the plants we were looking at.

P.S.H.E.
We continued this half term's topic of 'Healthy Me.' We were learning about how to make healthy lifestyle choices with regards to food, drink, exercise, health and hygiene.

P.E.
We have continued this half term's topic of 'Invasion Games.' This week we were knights in a castle trying to protect treasure (a playground ball). We played 'Castle Attack' where invaders were trying to take our treasure as we dribbled the ball.

History
We continued our new half term topic of 'Significant Explorers.' We discussed how we can find out about explorations in the past and now. We found out about why Ibn Battuta was a significant explorer.

Computing
We began this half term's unit of 'Grouping dat.' We looked at how objects have many different labels that can be used to put them into groups. We named different objects and began to experiment with placing them into different groups.

Golden Book
This week, the Golden Book award goes to

Hugo

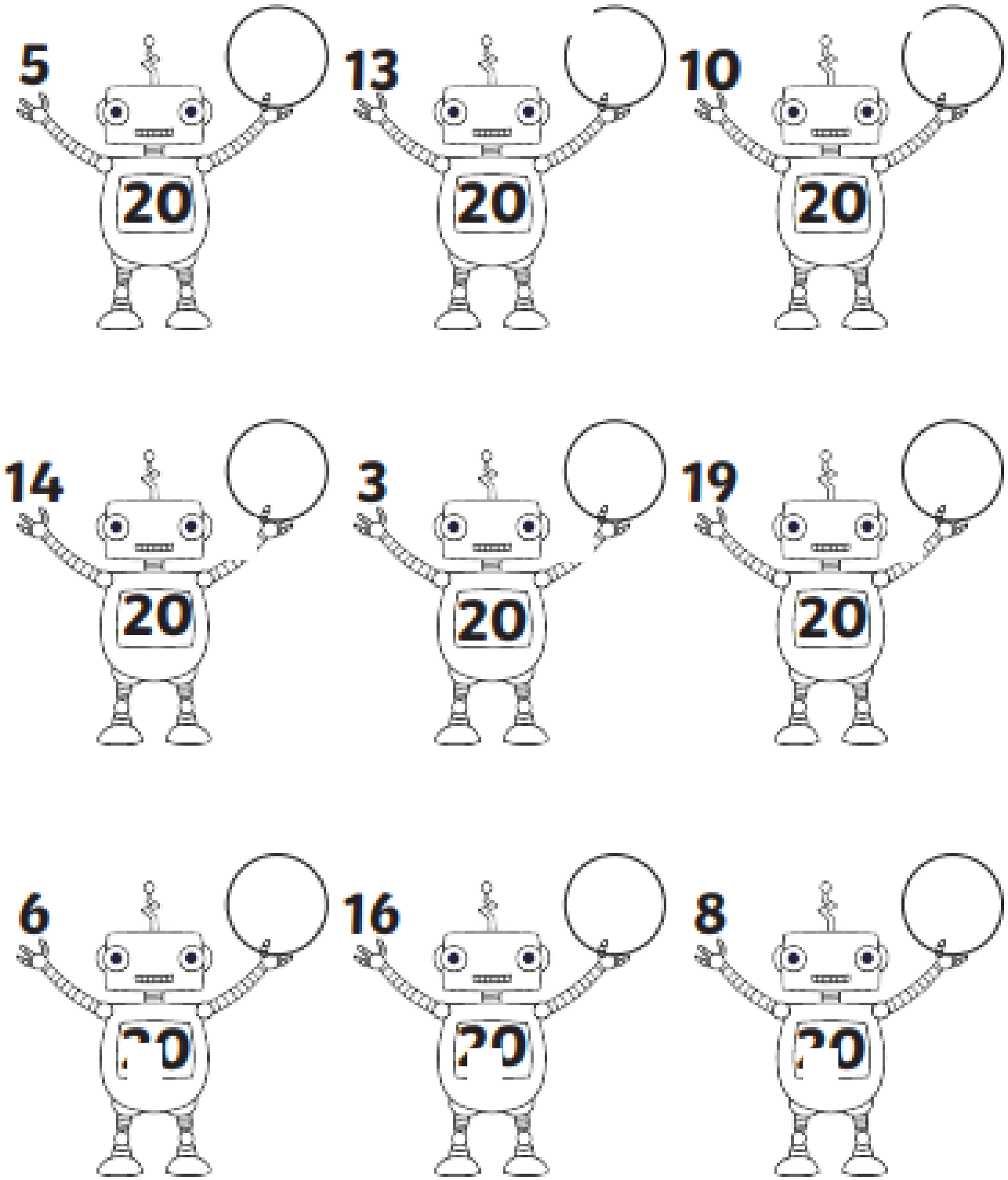
for the extra effort he has been putting into his work across all subjects, to ensure the quality is to the very best of his ability.

Music
We continued this half term's topic of 'Carnival of the Animals.' We were identifying changes in the music representing the mood or character of a piece. We were also taking careful notice of the pulse, the beat of the music when we were playing our instruments to a piece of music.

World Book Day
Yesterday we all participated in World Book Day. Year One looked absolutely fantastic in all of their wonderful Alice in Wonderland costumes. We had a whole school assembly where were able to show and see everyone's costumes.

Art
We continued this half term's topic of 'Portraits.' We thought about how to use colours to portray emotions in a portrait. We used Pablo Picasso as our inspiration, thinking about the types of colours he used in paintings and how it made us feel when we looked at it.

Religious Education
We continued this half term with the Religious Education topic of 'Desert to Garden.' We were learning about how Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, considering the practices that take place on Ash Wednesday in particular. We drew our own self-portrait and drew a charcoal 'ash' sign of the cross on the forehead. We also heard the story of 'The Widow's Mite' and thought about how this is linked to almsgiving during Lent.

Number Bonds of 20

Can you find the missing number bond to make 20?