PERSEVERANCE

This half term, our collective worship focus will be based on the value PERSEVERANCE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

By perseverance the snail reached the ark.

Charles H. Spurgeon

Talk about Perseverance together

Teachers often say that perseverance is something that many children find difficult. Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without perseverance.

An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at perseverance?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with perseverance?
- Who helps you to keep going when you feel like giving up?
- What's the hardest thing about sticking to a challenging task?

Let's pray together

Dear God,
Please help us to persevere even when tasks seem long and hard. Help us to encourage our friends to keep going when they feel fed up.
Amen

Read Together

The Widow Who Never Gave Up

There was once a judge living in a town just like this one, said Jesus to the crowd of people who were listening to him and hanging on his every word. This judge did not care much about God or justice. The crowd muttered to one another and smiled knowingly, they all knew judges like him! A poor widow, called Sarah, lived in the same town. She was being treated badly by her neighbour who was making her life very difficult indeed. Sarah went to the judge to ask him to hear her case and give her justice. At first the judge tried to ignore her. Silly old woman he thought. Why won't she leave me alone. Doesn't she realise that I have more important things to deal with? But Sarah persevered. You are my only hope she told the judge. You must help me. Day after day she went to see him. In the end, the judge was so exasperated that he thought to himself I will never get a minutes peace unless I help this old woman. Finally he let her explain to him the problems that she was facing and agreed that Sarah's neighbour was indeed behaving very badly and must be made to stop at once. Sarah's perseverance paid off and eventually she got the justice she deserved. So keep persevering and keep praying said Jesus to the crowd.

Bible story based on Luke 18:1-8

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

Benjamin Franklin

Other books to explore

Book Title	Author
Lost and Found	Oliver Jeffers
How to catch a star	Oliver Jeffers
Brave Charlotte	Anu Stohner
The Smallest Whale	E Beresford
Out of the Ashes	Michael Morpurgo
The Gigantic Turnip	Aleksei Tolstoy
Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Jan Fearnley

Home-School Challenge



Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art.
People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs.
The process is time consuming and needs lots of **perseverance.**

This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you.

Bring your completed mosaics in to be displayed in school.

Think about ...

Do you know anyone who has taken part in IRONMAN in the past?
You could conduct an interview with them to find out more.
Think of questions that you'd like to ask to find out more.

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