

# Perseverance

In term 1 we have been discussing the value 'Perseverance'. These reflections are a result of some of our pupil discussions. We hope this brief summary will help you understand some of our thinking.

## TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER!

If at first you don't succeed try,  
try, try again!

Perseverance is about trying and working hard. Worthwhile learning can be achieved with perseverance. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete. A musician practices every day sometimes for hours at a time, in order to play their instrument well.

How would you rate yourself on a scale of 1-10 for perseverance?

What could help you improve?

Can you give an example of something you have achieved through perseverance?

How can you encourage others to persevere?

We have been reading about Malala Youzafzai. We think the love of her family has helped her to persevere to achieve so much in her life.



*Prince George had always been shy and had developed a stammer, which meant he could not speak for very long without struggling to say the words he wanted to say.*

*His elder brother Edward was very different. He was confident, loved to be the centre of attention and was destined to become king of England. Soon after the coronation, King Edward announced that he was going to abdicate- to give up being king.*

*Now George would be expected to deliver speeches and give radio broadcasts to millions. He employed an Australian speech therapist to help him and with perseverance and great courage he was able to face the challenges ahead. In 1939 he gave a famous speech in which he comforted his people and won everyone's respect because they knew how brave he was being.*

We have been persevering to learn new sports such as golf!  
Pele, the famous Brazilian football player said:

'Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning study, sacrifice and most of all love of what you are doing or learning to do.'



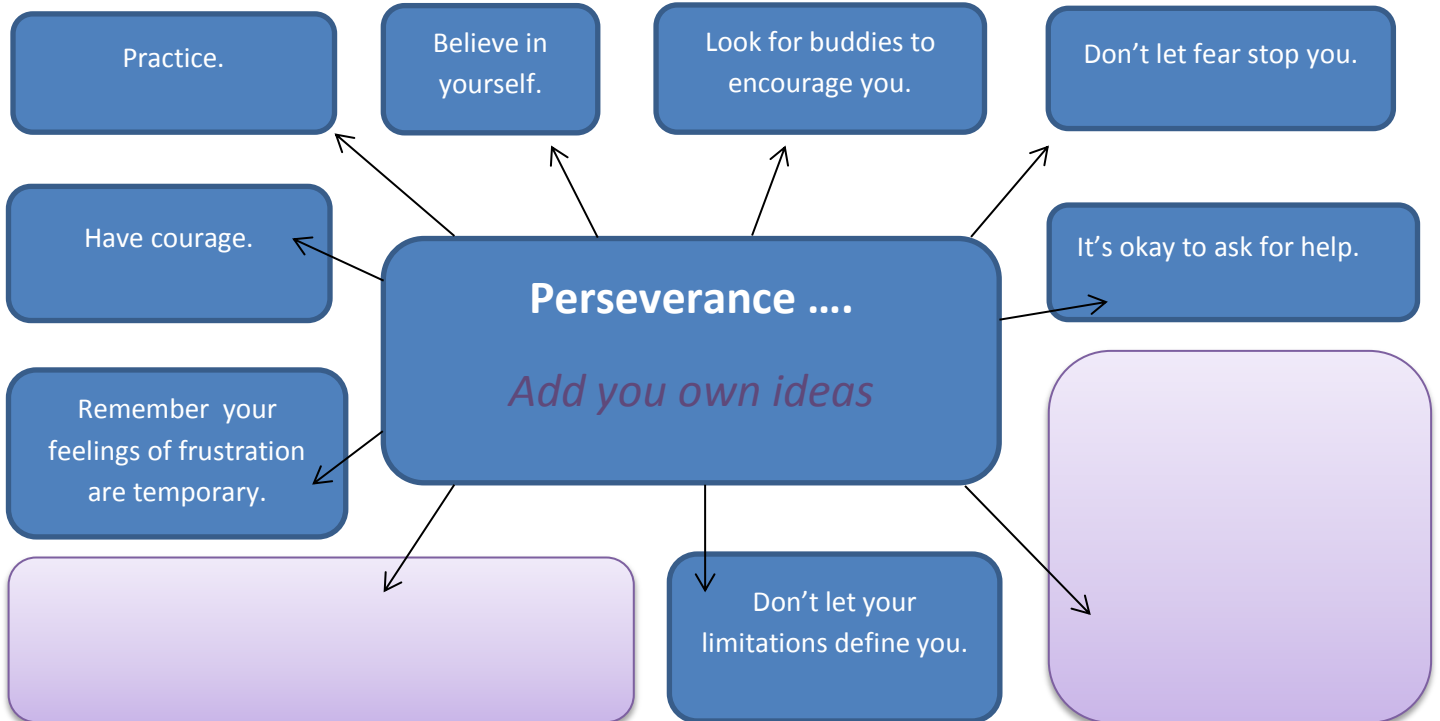
**Other stories of real life perseverance can be found in the 'My Life' documentaries on CBBC. Talk about how you have persevered in your life!**



### READ!

Have a think about the characters in your story books especially if they are super heroes or detectives. What helped them to persevere? What did perseverance help them to achieve?

Dear God, when I am feeling frustrated, tired or discouraged, please help me to find the strength and support I need so I can persevere. Amen.



We learnt about this story in one of our assemblies:

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.

