



Fingringhoe

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Christian Value for Spring Term 1 - January 2024 – February 2024 Perseverance

This half term we will be focusing in school on the Christian Value of Perseverance.

Teachers often say that perseverance is something that many children find difficult. Very little that is 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 member of your family rate themselves on a scale of 1 – 10 at perseverance?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined perseverance?
- Is there a skill that you think could improve with perseverance?

Read 'The Widow Who Never Gave Up' (Bible story based on Luke 18:1-8) to find out what Jesus said about perseverance.

The Widow Who Never Gave Up

There was once a judge living in a town 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 my 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 vey 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.

Words of Wisdom

'If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again.'

W.E. Hickson