

With the help of God, are flourishing together in faith, courage and love'



# Collective Worship

2<sup>nd</sup> October

Let's flourish together...and be resilient

## Thought for the week

If we give up the first time we find something difficult, then what will we ever actually achieve? The things that are worth working for do require hard work and the chances are we may not achieve them the first time we try. Every time you try, you are simply practising as you work towards your goal. It's the challenges that we go through that make us stronger and build our characters. It's the storms of life that help build the roots to anchor and steady us. Let's be there to support one another and help one another build our resilience when things get tough so that everyone can flourish.

"Though I fall I will rise again.  
Though I sit in darkness, God  
will be my light."

Micah 7:8

'This week I've learnt about the importance of not giving up, even when things are hard.'

Pupil voice

## This week in collective worship

This week we have mainly been focusing on resilience, as well as Harvest, and considering the different ways in which we need to be resilient and the different ways that we can be resilient.

In class collective worship we have thought about how if we follow Jesus' teachings, we can build our lives on firm foundations, which, when we encounter life's storms, can help us stand firm. We were reminded of the story of the two builders and considered the importance of these 'roots of resilience'.

Mr Patrice led a whole school collective worship all about how we can be respectful in school, reminding us of how our manners can make such a huge difference to the relationships that we build. Strong relationships between us enable us to strengthen the resilience that we have as a school community.

Praise was a wonderful community worship, led by our expanding school band! We sang about the fruits of Harvest and it was, as always, a joyous occasion!

We had an incredible response to our Harvest Festival Food Bank Appeal - helping the resilience of our local community - as we welcomed Vicar Suzanne into school for our Harvest festival celebration. She spoke to us about the resilience of the 'Sycamore Gap' tree which even after it had been felled, had strong roots that held firm and enabled saplings to sprout. These 49 'trees of hope' remind us that even when terrible things happen, with resilience, there can be a positive outcome. We were reminded of the responsibility that we have to ensure nature is able to be resilient.

Through growing in resilience, combined with taking responsibility, we can work together to ensure that we can all flourish together and help the world around us flourish too.

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,  
Help us to be resilient, even through the most difficult times.  
Help us to understand that you are there to support us when we need you. Help us to be understanding of each other and the differences between us so we can be a 'pillar of support' for those around us so that we can all flourish.  
Amen

