

Assembly 3 – Resilience.



Aim - This assembly shows children that sometimes you have to really stick with it to get where you want to be.



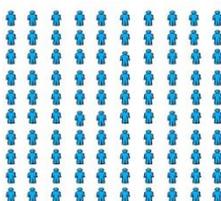
Ask if any of the pupils want to play "Who wants to be a millionaire?" Point out that you don't have £1million but you do have a prize. (You'll need to find a suitable prize and decide for how many numbers correct you would be prepared to let it go) Ask some of the older pupils to come out and write down 6 numbers between 1 and 49 on a piece a paper. Unless you have a special machine called Lancelot and a lot of ping pong balls with numbers on you'll have to generate your own numbers so you can write out 1-49 on little pieces of paper and have them in a bag ready to choose from. Alternatively you could use a random number generator – like one of the teachers. Have the pupils tick off the numbers if they get any, as you read them out. Normally, in about 50 pupils, one or two will get three numbers.



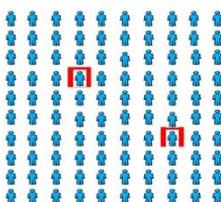
Ask the pupils what they think the chances of actually winning the lottery are?



It is 1 in 14 million. To put it in perspective, we have more chance of being struck by lightning than winning.



In the real world, though, if we got 100 volunteers from outside to come in how many would be millionaires?



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(you could scale this to fit your school by putting some stars on the floor before the pupils sit down 1 for every 50 pupils or under the seats of the right number of staff?)

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Imagine what the millionaires can do with all their money. They can travel the world going on amazing holidays. They can buy cool looking cars and clothes. They can buy toys and presents for all their friends. They can buy all the M&M's they want and even pay someone to take out the colours they don't like for them.

Will it make you happy?



Would all that money make you happy? Well it might if you can do all these things. But what if you couldn't enjoy the money because you had to work all the time. Or you never saw your family. Or you had worked so hard that you were just too tired to do anything else. Or if all the hard work made you ill.

What about things that money cant buy?



Some of the best things in life that we enjoy the most are free. Having fun with our friends, our family or just laughing. You can't buy any of these things.



Some of the other things that are worth doing can't be paid for either. Your mum or dad or aunt or uncle teaching you to drive, doing your exams, running a marathon for charity - you can't pay someone to run it for you! How would you feel if you did that and then gave the money to the charity pretending that you had run - a bit of a cheat?



What about other things? Can you buy an Olympic gold medal, cheat on climbing up a mountain?

Is it easy?



Is it easy to do these things? Usain Bolt is the fastest runner in the world and he makes it look very easy.

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Is it easy?



No, it takes a lot of hard work.
Here he is running and dragging a huge weight.
How hard does that look?



Is it luck like the lottery?

Is it luck that this man has got to the top of the mountain?

Is it luck like the lottery?



No.
He chose the mountain he wanted to climb and set out to do it.

A Story



Sometimes when people set out to do things they don't always manage to get it right first time – in fact they make lots and lots of mistakes.
Explain to the children that you are going to tell them a story about a girl called Joanne.

- When Joanne was 5 she wrote a story for her sister about a rabbit called.... ..Rabbit! He got measles and was visited by a bee called Mr.... guess what? (not Mr Guess What..Guess what the bee was called)Mr Bee!
- She really liked books and stories and wrote more for her sister as she got older
- When she had grown up, she went on train journey. The train broke down and she was stuck for 4 hours. She started day dreaming and thought of an idea for a really big story.
- Later on when she was a lot older, she started to write this story down, but it was very hard and she stopped.
- A few years later after she had a baby, she started to write the story again because she thought her own daughter might like to read it one day and, as it was a big story, she needed to start early.
- The problem was her baby daughter used to cry a lot. Joanne couldn't think properly when she did that and this meant she couldn't write. The only way should could get her daughter to be quiet was to take her for a walk in the pushchair. So as soon as she was asleep, she would stop at the nearest cafe for a big cup of tea and get writing.

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She didn't have a lot of money so she had to drink the teas slowly to make them last.

- Well soon enough Joanne's story had turned into a very big story (in fact she had lots of ideas for even more stories too)
- She thought the story was good enough to be made into a proper book for other children to read too.
- She sent it off to some people who make books and waited for a reply...and she waited and she waited.
- One day a big parcel came in the post. She opened it up excitedly and found it was her story and a little note that said, "Sorry Joanne, we don't think children today would like your book, so we can't make it in to a proper book to sell in the shops".
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- (repeat up to 12 times!!!)
- One day, the parcel returned and Joanne thought oh well here we go again more bad news and she opened it.
- There was a note inside and it said, "Dear Joanne, we love your story and would like to make it in to a book for children to read."
- Then Joanne went to London to meet the publishers
- They said "this book is about a boy, and we think boys will like it the most. Boys might be put off a book written by woman (boys can be very silly sometimes!) so we think you should use your initials on the book so that no-one knows".
- What were her initials?J. K.
- And her surname?Rowling
- And the boy in the book is called "Harry.....?"
- Potter !
- Imagine what would have happened if she had given up writing the book or if she had accepted the 11th rejection letter and stopped sending it out. The book is loved by children (girls as well as boys!) all over the world and nobody would have read it.

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J.K. Rowling got 12 rejections before Harry Potter was published



Ask the children – “What is the one thing that meant she was successful?”

Stick with it



She didn't give up.

Like a bouncing ball, after each failure she just bounced back and had another go.

That's what we have to do at school.

If you get 4/10 then there are 6 things you can do differently to get a better mark next time. You just have to find out what these things are.



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Walt Disney was sacked as a cartoonist because "he lacked imagination and had no good ideas."



Extension – The children will have heard of Walt Disney. They might not know that the company that make the films are named after him. Some of them may have been lucky enough to go to one of the theme parks.

He was sacked when he first started working – twice! For not having good ideas and for having poor imagination.

Also his business failed twice and he couldn't get investors for Disneyland who said it would attract the wrong type of people!