

## Teacher notes

# Year 3: Term 1 – Perseverance

### Unit overview and guidance

Introduce the theme – explore the phrase perseverance

- Discuss what the word ‘perseverance’ means. Why is it important to persevere?

Exploring Non-fiction – Text: Sophie Christiansen OBE – Born To Succeed? by Jo Franklin

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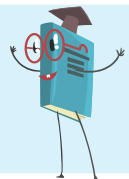
Exploring Fiction – Text: Ride Like You Mean It by Jo Franklin

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Exploring Poetry – Text: The King and the Spider by Joshua Seigal

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Pulling it all together – explore the theme of perseverance

*Discuss the questions below, exploring the theme of perseverance with the pupils. The questions are available as a **PowerPoint presentation** and also as a **worksheet** for pupils to provide written answers as needed.*

- If *Ride Like You Mean It*, *Sophie Christiansen – Born to Succeed*, and *The King and the Spider* were all put together in one book, what title would you give that book?
- Which of the three texts makes you want to persevere and never

give up? Which is the most inspiring? Can you explain why?

- If a friend or relative looked like they were going to give up on something important, which of these texts would you give them to read? Why that one?
- Try to imagine Sophie Christiansen, the King from the cave, and Zena and her mum all getting together. What might they talk about? What experiences would they share?