Being Patient: assembly script

At a glance

Story: Skye Comes Home **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins
You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.
Links: Relationships and health education (primary): caring friendships. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Self-Regulation.

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about being patient. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "Skye Comes Home".
2. Think about it	Ask: What do you find hard to wait for? Take a few answers: birthdays, dinner time, a turn on the bikes. Say: waiting can be hard. All winter the friends have been waiting for Skye to come home.
3. The story, part 1	Read: It was spring on Thistledown Lane. Something flew over the hedge, very fast. It was Skye the swallow! "Hello, Thistledown Lane! I'm back!" said Skye.
4. The story, part 2	Read: "See you in spring!" everybody shouted. Skye had flown a long way. She wanted to see her nest in the old barn.
5. The story, part 3	Read: But the nest was all crumbly. There was a big gap in the side. The winter wind and rain had done it. "I need mud to mend it," said Skye. But the ground was dry and dusty.
6. The story, part 4	Read: Skye went to Moss's Swap Shop. She put a pink shell on the counter. "I need help," she said. "I need some sticky mud." Moss knew just who to ask. "Barnaby!" said Bramble.
7. The story, part 5	Read: Barnaby dug by the ditch with his little spade. "Dig, dig, diggity!" he said. He found lovely sticky mud.
8. The story, part 6	Read: Skye flew back and forth with little beakfuls of mud. The gap got smaller and smaller. The sun dried the mud hard. Skye's nest was mended! "Thank you, everybody," said Skye.

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. What was wrong with Skye's nest? Listen for: it was crumbly, with a big gap in the side. 2. How did she get help? Listen for: she went to Moss's Swap Shop and asked; Barnaby found the mud. 3. How did Skye mend the nest? Listen for: a little beakful of mud at a time, back and forth.
10. Have a go	Make a beak with your fingers. Pick up a bit of pretend mud and press it on the nest. Do it ten times, counting together. Big jobs get done a little bit at a time.
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Wait patiently for your turn, and ask for help when you need it. You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-skye-comes-home (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

A real friend is worth waiting for.

If you have longer

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