Parents often ask me how to build resilience in kids.

Our response is always the same: "Start by building independence and resilience will follow." Here's how.

Children are hardwired for independence

Sometime around the age of fifteen months, give or take three months, most children will make a strong case for self-sufficiency. They demand to do things their own way. This demand is soon backed by a strong voice – "NOOOO!" – and then more articulate cries of "I can do it!" as their third birthday approaches.

This is the time to harness your child's push for independence and self-sufficiency. Their desire for

