

Q = Main interviewer (Cath)

Q2 = Second interviewer (Beth)

A = Mum (Rosie)

B = Dad (Thomas)

C = Child 1 (Leo, 5 year old boy)

D = Child 2 (Alfie, 3 year old boy)

Trilingual family (English, Spanish, Turkish)

Q Would you be able to tell us a little bit about your sort of family background and kind of family heritage and things like that?

A My father was a university teacher, and my mum was a librarian. But we can say that they married quite late and they had me quite late, so at the age of I think 10 both of them were already retired so I had a chance to spend time with them a lot. I was lucky in that moment. And that's it. And I have one elder brother, 2 years older than me, and we have quite a good relation with him still. And my family is now still living in Turkey. And still we are trying to visit each other frequently, they are visiting me, I am visiting them.

Q So the boys get to see.....do they have cousins and family they....have they got cousins here as well, or just...

A No, I have no family here.

Q Oh right OK.

A So I mean the frequency means for me, I mean two times a year. So fair enough. And they have just friends here, and I have just friends here as well, I don't have family. And the same for my husband, he has no family here but also friends here. His family's in Greece.

Q Oh his family is in Greece, OK.

A Yes, or Mexico, or in Cuba, in different countries.

Q So all over.

A All over the world let's say, yes. I see that you are very excited, slow down with the jumping. He said yes, but now again.

Q Are they playing Superheroes?

A Yeah can be.

Q2 Yeah a little bit about Superheroes, got Superhero skills going on.

Q Aha, and the Star Wars t-shirt as well?

Q2 Yeah.

A Yeah, we like also pretending the games.

Q Oh cool, so imaginary.....

A Yes. So we are making some posters for some masks and then we are playing like this. Today Alfie was the doctor, but I think he will be the patient soon!

Q That's really quite creative, sort of making masks. And do they sort of make them out of craft materials, or just things they find around the house?

A Yeah, we are crafting where we have some things, I mean adapting to us, then we are playing.

Q So do they do sort of like creative things, do you think that's quite....what kind of value do you think that has for children doing creative type activities?

A I mean for us to make them creative, or....

Q Just doing the activities I suppose, and do you think what kind of value it has to sort of make things, for the children really?

A I don't know.

Q It's just fun?

A Yeah, I'm believing like that, so that's why I'm saying that I'm trying to make them fun with the play and then they are getting the educational part from the fun. Because I mean I have the information, I don't know if it's correct or not, but I can make them, or I can teach them maximum 5 minutes in their age. So if it's not related to fun or play they are really getting bored and they are not listening, or away, so that's why I'm trying to make everything fun for them. And if there is a possible educational impact they are taking. And also for the educational part, we are thinking that still is responsible to the schools as well. I mean like the maths or this kind of things. So that's why our play with them is just for fun. For example, it's happening a lot with the Lego, because he is very sensitive when the pieces ???

Q Is that?

A He build up.

Q Is that Leo?

A Yes it's Leo. And I always say that 'you made it, you had fun, you enjoy it and you can build up again so there is no worries that it's broken' so we can do it again. Or sometimes Alfie is mixing all the pieces and he's getting upset, and I say 'OK let's do it again, let's separate it, it's OK'. But he's saying 'no we will spend again another time' and I say 'OK we are playing the same play again and again', it's always the same, we can separate again and again. So I am trying to do like this with them. So just the main ??? for us is fun.

Time 5:00

Q I think you were saying that you take photographs, or is it Leo who takes photographs?

A Leo, yes.

Q He takes photographs of his Lego creations.

A Yes.

Q What does he take them on?

A You mean?

Q What does he use to take the photographs?

A My iPhone, or iPads. Because they know that the iPad or my iPhone, without the password they can open it because I show them the photograph part, you can use it without the password, so that's why they know it. If they want to do it without permission they can take it and they can take the photos. And then they are coming in asking me 'did I look or can I share with my friends' because also sometimes you are sharing with the friends.

Q Are they sharing with friends, like friends who they are playing with at the time?

A Yes.

Q Or are they sharing by online or....

A I mean through WhatsApp, with the mums again. Or we are calling them, like every day a call, and then if they are available. So they are making the video chats together.

Q Oh right.

A Because they are very familiar with the video chats since we have families living abroad. Because this is also our way to connect with their grandma's, and I mean if there's some friends or the cousins, so they are very open to this idea. So the laptop can be open and there can be a video, and then they can play and they get.... So that's why they're asking sometimes by themselves.

Q So they can basically go online and on What's App and share what they're making, or video chat with their friends?

A Yes. Or Skype I mean, they don't know. They already know the ??? so that's why.

Q Oh right, so they could just Skype their friends.

A Yeah. ??? not friends, cousins.

Q Ah cousins, yeah.

A Because with the friends always we need to check with the mums.

Q Yeah. Oh that's really interesting.

A I think this is because of our family position let's say.

Q Yeah. So they're really comfortable and confident with chat like that?

A Yeah, yeah. Sometimes they don't want, if they don't want the ??? But sometimes they are asking, or sometimes we are asking and they are accepting for me more.