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C Mallison (6)
D Essa (4)

Q It makes me think about films, maybe this isn't relevant but I just wanted to ask you whether they watch maybe TV programmes or films?

A They don't really like films.

Q Oh that's interesting.

A Mallison, when Essa was a baby, he was like a baby in arms, I took him to the cinema to see Paddington Bear. And when the bit on the film where they try to capture the bear came he started screaming very loudly, like to the point where I thought he'd trapped his finger or something. So I was fumbling around trying to find out if he'd trapped his finger and then I realised that he was actually crying because the bear was getting hurt.

Q My own daughter would watch Paddington and do exactly the same thing.

A Yeah. But I didn't realise that it would affect him in that way because at that point he was probably like, he was less than two and he really understood it. And from that bit he's never liked films so he's always said 'I don't want to go to the cinema. I don't want to go. I don't like it'. And he's always put on a bit of a show of not wanting to go, which has affected him, he's not then wanted to go.

Q Oh that's interesting. So Essa's been affected by....

A Mallison's issue with films, yeah. So we've basically....

Q So do you watch, I see you have DVDs then, would you watch them at home rather than go out to the cinema, or is it just sort of not really used very much?

A It's not really used very much, no. A lot of the DVDs I've bought over the years and tried to get them to watch them, he really likes Lion King. What's your other favourites Essa?

D Greatest Showman.

A The Greatest Showman, yeah.

Q Oh the Greatest Showman. Yes, at Meadow Banks I think one of the teachers did a whole project around The Greatest Showman when I was working there.

A Really? Yeah, he likes The Greatest Showman, he likes Lion King and if I can try and separate them and get him to go and play somewhere else he will watch that without any

complaining or anything. Mallison in this last six months has actually got better at watching films and he will now, he will complain about it but he will now actually complain but actually sit and watch it.

Q Yes. That's really interesting.

A But we do go to the cinema. He will complain about it but we do go and when we go he doesn't want to go but when we leave he always likes it. And I'll say 'do you want to go back again?' and he'll say 'no', I'm like 'but you liked it'.

Q So what films have you seen recently then?

A What have we been to see recently Essa?

D Er....

A Can you think? We saw, what's the pet one? Secret Life of Pets 2?

D Yeah....see....

A We saw that a couple of months ago.

D I loved it when that bunny said 'all them PG friends'.

A You know when you're like watching a film and you're thinking 'oh no, that's going to come out for the next six months now, what he's just said in that film', so yeah he thought that was hilarious he really, really liked that. What else have you seen at the cinema, can you think?

D I very loved the PG one.

A Right OK. Can you think of anything else? Can you think of anything else? Essa, can you think of another film that we've seen at the cinema? Did you go with nan to see anything?

D Incredibles, Grandad.

A Incredibles, but that was...

D And I remember, this boy said 'anything with joking in that's totally awesome' Yeah, yeah the Incredibles 1 because the Incredibles are ??? and they were like...??totally awesome.

A Do you know, whatever you don't want him to say about it, if they hear it in a film they think that gives them grounds to say it.

Q They sound like they're pretty good mimics actually. Do they do that sort of thing?

A What's that, sorry?

Q They sound like they're very good mimics. Do they pick up lines from films and things?

A Oh yeah.

D All them PG friends.....

A Stop saying that now. They erm.... Mallison can you put all of that Lego together before you lose any of the pieces please? Essa, we don't want to hear that again please. They talk...

Q Are we OK to go on a little bit longer as well? We don't want...

A Yeah. My partner's on his way now so.... they have got a party, but we're alright for a bit of time.

D You can stay a bit longer.

Q Sorry I interrupted you, we were talking about lines from films and stuff like that.

A Oh they like, sometimes they talk American as well which, I've heard another mum say that they do.

D No you haven't.

A That's, that's Mandinka which is...

D My daddy.

A Their dad's from Gambia so they speak...sometimes they speak....

D No, no the school did it.

A They speak his language sometimes.

D Only one person who knows.

Q That's fantastic.

A Only odd words, not much, it's not fluent or anything like that but...

Q No that's amazing. What's the language did you say?

A It's called Mandinka.

Q Mandinka. And do you speak that as well?

A Not really. I get, I understand some of the words but it is a hard language to speak.

Q Is it?

A Yes. And I don't think daddy is a very good teacher is he Essa?

D You know what I think.

A He finds it very frustrating to repeat over and over again and stuff like that. They understand a bit of it but once he gets going speaking it they can't keep up.

Q Oh. That's really interesting. Does that come out in things like play, would that be words that they'd be playing and saying those words and things like that?

A Yeah. They'll talk, they'll say it to each other occasionally, yes.

D (speaks in Mandinka).

A What does that mean?

D Love you.

A I love you.

Q Oh. That's lovely. Can you teach me that? What is it?

C Na canala

D Na canala means 'love you'.

Q Na canala?

A Na canala. Means I love you.

Q Oh thank you. That's my first Mandinka I've ever learnt. How exciting.

D Najam means 'come here'.

A Najam.

Q Najam. Ah, 'come here', right.

A Yeah. What else can you think of?

D What's that one sounding like in ...

A Soomolay.

D Soomolay.

A What does that mean?

D Forgot that one.

A How are you?

Q That's a very important one. So I can be polite. Soomolay?

A Yeah, but then they're very quick, so I can do a few of them but then I'm lost with what I've just said.

C We've been there before, we've been there before and we went on that big boat, what's it called now?

A The ferry.

C Yeah. On this ferry to another island which was a safari place where you go on Safari.

Q That sounds incredible.

D Yeah and we saw some rhinos and giraffes.

C Yeah.

D The rhino actually pushed one of the cars.

A It didn't. It didn't. So you go....

D I remember when we got stuck in summat.

A No they got stuck. We was watching and you were saying the rhino was going to charge but the rhino was just coming out the water.

D And what did it do? Charge.

A He didn't.

Q That's what you would have liked him to have done.

A It's a proper safari where you drive round in your cars and you're in Africa. And this car had got stuck in the sand. But there was a rhino, a huge rhino just in front in the water and so they had to get out the car and they were trying to push the car, but the rhino turned round and was getting out of the water so they were shouting from the other vehicle 'get out of the way, the rhino's gonna charge'. But the rhino didn't charge, it walked off. But it could have been dangerous because it could have charged. But it didn't.

Q Gosh. This is in Gambia?

A It was in Senegal, but near Gambia.

Q2 Oh my.

Q And was this recently that you went there?

A It was 2017, the end of 2017, so not that long ago.

Q Wow, what an experience.

A Yeah.

Q The boys obviously remember quite a lot about it.

A Oh God, Essa's memory is amazing. He's got the best memory ever. He can remember so much. He reminds me of stuff that I've forgot.

D I remember when mummy said 'Oh my God, that's a PG[peepee?] friend'.

A Are you being silly? Essa.

C I remember when Essa was scared of riding on his bike and I was literally like 'I don't need an arrow, I don't need an arrow'.

A You're just being silly. Essa, last summer I was telling Mallison that he had to have his stabilisers off to have a go and he wasn't very happy about that he was crying saying he couldn't do it and didn't want to do it. So....

C Yeah and then I started to try and get on my bike myself and then I could do it.

Q It's amazing isn't it? That moment when you suddenly think 'I can do this without my stabilisers. Yes!'

A So Essa, I think he was three at the time said 'I'll do it', so Mallison at five didn't want to try and Essa at three was quite happy for having a go without stabilisers - and he did it, not for very long but he did do it. So that then that then pushed Mallison into wanting to have a go, so Mallison had a go and then he could actually do it, and he actually able to do it from then on the road within a couple of weeks. And Essa could still do it, hit and miss, but you didn't like the hills did you? There's been a lot of screaming over the hills.

D Yes.

Q That's Sheffield for you though isn't it?

A Well, it was our hill, which isn't a massive hill, it's not....

D Have you heard about the Sheffield floods?

Q But when you're going downhill and you're only little and the bike's probably up here, then it is quite scary.

Q Yes, of course.

A But when it was flat he could do it fine. But he's OK now aren't you? You've got it now haven't you?

Q Essa, did you ride your bike in the park?

D Yeah.

Q Thank you very much. Well my girls learned to ride their bikes in Hillsborough Park.

A Well that's his favourite place to go.

Q Oh it's a good park that, yeah.

A Yeah.

C I like to go over the bumps and stand up on my bike down there.

Q Oh do you?

C Yeah.

Q And what about you Essa? Which part of the park do you like best?

D The park...the most ...when I go at Hillsborough Park, well, that's the best place you can learn to ride my bike.

A Where did you get a lot of confidence this summer from riding your bike? Where did we go that you took your bike and you was riding it?

D Center Parcs, Center Parcs.

Q Oh fantastic.

A So they went to Center Parcs because it's all reasonably flat and you ride everywhere, you don't drive anywhere. And he rode the whole weekend didn't you?

Q Oh did you, that's amazing.

A He absolutely loved it.

Q Oh did you? And whereabouts, which Center Parcs did you go to?

A Just the one nearest to us at Sherwood.