

Q = Main interviewer (Cath)

Q2 = Second interviewer (Beth)

A = Mum (Ria)

B = Dad (Miles)

C = Zander (boy)

D = Greta (girl)

Q ....if that's OK, and I'm going to sort of record it as well so we'll sort of have conversations and things like that. So yeah, looking at what there is in here. So we've got the TV.

A Smart TV.

Q Smart TV. Oh, there we go, my phone's a bit wobbly today. OK. And there's a DVD?

A DVD player, yeah.

Q DVD player as well in here. And you've got a computer....

A Playstation, yeah.

Q Playstation as well, yeah. OK.

A And then I guess everything that connects to it, like the Wii stuff is in that basket down there.

Q So Wii console. So that's all in here. And....

A There is an Alexa, but she is turned on sometimes but....

Q She is sometimes?

A Yeah, like we have her on at the weekends. It's just I tend to...it's more....yeah.

Q Do you have it on more when Zander and Greta are around, or more when they're not?

A Probably more when they are, and I think it's music mainly that we use it for, like background music I'd say.

Q So you turn it on in weekends and....

A Yeah, and like when I'm on my own I'll probably just have music on as well, like if I'm just doing....

Q Oh right yeah. Do you use it for anything else at all?

A I don't. I think the children often ask Alexa questions.

Q Aha, do you know anything they might have asked her? Go on! You don't have to say it if you don't want to.

A It tends to be like general, like random facts, like 'how big is the earth', or do you know what I mean, it's more like information 'which is the biggest planet' and it's more like questions like that.

Q Where do they get the questions from do you think?

A I don't know, sometimes it's things that they ask us, that we say 'oh I'm not sure about that', you know like how can we find out. You know like really things that I'm....I can't tell you how big earth is exactly, you know.

Q Yeah, so they go and then....

A It tends to be more like proper facts that Zander wants to find out.

Q Oh right.

A And then what else do you use Alexa for Zander?

C Songs.

A Often songs isn't it, yeah.

Q What songs do you like Zander?

C Ghostbusters.

Q Ghostbusters.

Q2 That's a good one.

A What's the one we've been listening to recently, Yellow Submarine, it's a bit Beatles. What else?

Q Do you dance Zander?

C Er....sometimes.

Q What kind of dancing do you do?

C I don't remember.

A It's usually very fast isn't it, like super quick, almost like break-dancing I'd say.

Q Is it? Is it like street dance or something like that?

A Yeah. Like really, really fast isn't it on the floor and stuff like that.

Q So we've got that in here. And what other toys have you got in here? You've got your DVD player haven't you?

A In terms of toys we've got....this is like where we keep most board games and jigsaws.

Q So this is sort of where...because it's a massive table you would sort of like....well it's not a massive table, I was probably over-exaggerating.

A Yeah, huge.

Q A sizeable table! You can sort of spread out and...

A It's a good jigsaw and board game table.

Q Aha. Is this where you sort of play board games as a family and things like that?

A Yeah.

Q What are you playing at the moment? I think on Sunday we saw the Eye....the Disney Eye....

A The Disney, yeah we played that on Sunday actually as well.

Q Did you?

A We played that. What else did we play Zander?

C Disney.

A Disney. Oh we played charades didn't we?

C Yeah. This, Star Wars here.

A Oh yes, sometimes, that's more with daddy isn't it you've been doing that. It's not really a game is it, that's more....

C Lego.

A Where you build. You can build a figure and you're trying to...or is it a spaceship, I'm not sure.

C You build this.

A You build that.

Q At ST. Is this....

A That's ???

Q Oh I see, right. Brilliant. Oh right, so this is from Return of the Jedi is it? Ah OK. And have you built it Zander?

C No.

A Why haven't we built it? Because we've lost the instructions. So him and daddy have been trying to work out how it goes together, it's quite complicated. But that's, yeah I'd say they'd do that in here.

Q So they do sort of modeling and things like that in here as well.

A Yeah. And then we do quite a lot of like your Summer Swamp game and stuff like that, like the maths games don't we, and that T Rex game.

C Oh yeah, that's right here.

Time 5:00

A Yeah, where the T Rex chases all the little dinosaurs round.

Q Is that a board game?

A Yeah.

Q That sounds a great board game.

A And we have Monopoly Game of Life....

Q So sort of family games and different age range games.

A Definitely. Greta tends to do a lot of jigsaws and puzzles, and stuff like mosaics, she's got this plate of mosaics she likes where you put the pegs in.

Q Oh that's lovely. I remember those.

A Yeah, and Fuzzy Felt, you know that kind of thing. Greta loves that kind of stuff. And she's got like this....she's obsessed with this, I think it's really hard, it's got like puzzles on it but she just loves it. But I think it's just more like....

Q Make a picture with the blocks.

A Yeah.

Q It's like a child's Rubik's Cube isn't it?

A It's really hard but she likes playing with it. And we've all been doing this quite recently.

Q Sorting shapes?

A Yeah, but like making like....Zander's been like really into it. I got it for Greta but Zander's been like making like really tall houses.

Q Oh yeah, it's got a lot of potential hasn't it for making really big structures.

A Yeah, and like it's things like...yeah, he made like a house for Father Christmas and stuff. Yeah we watched Arthur Christmas and then....yeah it's amazing, and he made like a....I think he wanted to create the sleigh, but he forgot about that in the end and he decided to make a house for Father Christmas.

Q So was that recently or was that like....

A Yes, it was after the film, yeah.

Q Yeah, so he tried to make a sleigh out of the blocks? Fantastic.

A Just was blown away by how big the sleigh was and I think he just couldn't....so he decided to make a house instead.

Q Did he make it on the table or on the floor?

A Yeah.

Q Yeah he did. Ah.

Q2 Are there a lot of things like Zander will see in sort of like TV or film and things and then want to recreate it?

A I think so. Well yeah like the Lego, things like that, and like that light saber. He said to me this morning 'that's my light saber'.

Q It's like a long piece of cardboard tube is it?

A Yeah.

Q What was it originally, was it like for wrapping paper?

A I think it was from wrapping paper, yeah.

Q2 Yeah he was telling me how he's going to make it.

Q What's he going to do to it?

Q2 He's going to paint it.

Q Is he?

Q2 And cover the end?

A Is he? I don't know.

Q2 Yeah he's going to cover the end, because the ends are different to the....

A Oh right.

Q2 So yeah, he's got plans.

A He's obviously got something in his head.

Q Yeah.

A A vision.

Q That's really creative though isn't it?

Q2 Yeah, yeah definitely.

Q OK, so in here as well we've got....are there any...there's sometimes soft toys in here. I think it's not got to be so much where things live as like what rooms they get played in.

A If you look in those boxes that's the majority. I think to be honest a lot of it's like books for them and like sticker books and it tends to be books and things to help Zander with his like reading and writing and stuff – not that he does look at those ones first at all.

Q And we know that they sort of play with Lego in the lounge as well don't they?

A Yeah I think that's it. I think a lot of the time they do bring stuff into here, but most of the toys are in that playroom.

Q2 Yeah, and they play with tablets in here don't they?

A Yeah, yeah.

Q2 Do they ever go on....because I know Zander played Minion Rush, has that ever been in here or is it mainly sort of car journeys I think was mentioned?

A I think yeah, I think it tends to be....

Q2 Yeah, the main sort of travel game.

A Yeah which is probably not the best, but yeah.

Q2 No, no, no I was just wondering if it was in here?

A Yeah it tends to be in here I think. But don't get me wrong there's been a few times when he's been like in his bedroom, you know he's been in the den and I've found him like....

Q Yeah.

A But on the whole I think yeah it's in here. He would never just sit in the playroom either.

Q Oh really?

A So it would be in here.

Q Are there any wooden toys that get played with in here? There are aren't there, there's like shapes.

A Yeah there's lots, and I guess this kind of wooden playing block thing.

Q Oh yeah of course.

A Oh yeah this is one of Greta's favourites at the moment, it's like a big jigsaw floor puzzle, and that's wooden, and she absolutely loves that. And it's only recently I think because she's just got the whole idea of jigsaws, she's really quite into jigsaws at the moment. And that's....I'm just going to go and check on her.

Q Yes sure, and that's words and numbers isn't it, it's like educational would you say?

A Yeah, it's like alphabetical. And she also loves these beads, wooden beads.

Q Fantastic.

Time 9:50

Q OK so this is your playroom, wow, you've even got a sofa, that's so cool. So when do you come to your playroom?

C When I get home.

Q Is it the first place you kind of come to?

C No, my bedroom is. And then it's my playroom I come to.

Q Aha. So when you got home today what did you look at first, or decide you were going to play with first?

C I was going upstairs to get changed.

Q Is there bits of the playroom that's yours and bits that belong to Greta, or do you share all of it?

C We share all of it.

Q So what's your favourite thing in here, what do you want to show me?

C This.

Q Oh wow OK, so these are your vehicles are they?

C Yeah.

Q OK, so this is....do you want me to get it down?

C Yeah.

Q Yeah OK, that's great. You've got a lot of vehicles up here haven't you? You've got planes and you've got a tank and a helicopter. And what's this, is this a jet? What would you say that was?

C It's a fighter plane.

Q It's a fighter plane.

C It drops bombs.

Q Aha. Can you remember when you got it?

C No.

Q Does it make any noises?

C It used to but it's....it used to make noises. One of them used to fight out these.

Q Oh it used to shoot, did it sort of shoot something then?

C Yeah.

Q And what do you do when you play with it?

C Fly it.

Q Do you imagine anything when you're playing with it?

C No.

Q No. So is that one of your....would you say have you got a favourite vehicle? Which one?

C It's....this plane. My second favourite is the tank.

Q Aha. And does the tank do anything, does it make any noises or...

C No.

Q And which is the plane, is it the white one?



C Yeah that's just a plane from somewhere ???

Q Aha. And is it the sort of plane you'd go on holiday in?

C No.

Q No. So what else do you want to show us? Is there anything else you really like in here that you want to show us?

C That big castle.

Q That big castle, ooh, that is a very big castle, that's quite amazing.

Q2 How do you like to play with the castle Zander?

C With the soldiers on top of it.

Q2 Aha, and what do they do, what do you make the soldiers do?

C Fight.

Q2 Fight. Wow.

Q Do you play with the castle with Greta or with your friends?

C With Greta.

Q And what side is Greta on, are you on the same side or are you on different sides?

C We're? on the same side.

Q Are you? Have you got any other toys that are things like, any other sort of fighting toys or weapons or things like that in here?

C I've got a weapon.

Q Have you? Can we see it?

C Yes, but I need to go and get it.

Q So this is a really, really good room, it's fantastic.

A Yeah, I was going to say, that's a craft cupboard in there. I'm trying to figure out a way to....because there literally is like loads of...obviously I can access it but I'm trying to figure out, I want to use less storage. So they've got like a desk and I want them both to have like an area, you know with scissors, so they can always have like access to ??? It's kind of ordered, there's paper and like paints and stuff, like ??? but I just feel like they can't get to it, and that's important. So I'm just trying to figure out a way to maybe clear something, I don't know, make some space. Or maybe it's in their rooms that they have little desks or something so they can always access it. Like tape and scissors and tape and stuff.

Q Are there any sort of really favourite things that they go back and back to again and again in here?

Time 15:00

A They do like, they really love playing with that shop together now, that's now like something they do. I mean it doesn't always end well!

Q Oh no. How come?

A Yeah that's something that they do play with quite a lot together, and the Duplo which is in that box there, that's something they do play with quite a lot. They play with quite a lot of dress up as well.

Q They've got so much fantastic dress up, it's lovely.

A Yeah especially Greta more so now actually, because I think Zander's...yeah occasionally, but it tends to be more Greta.

Q What does she like to dress up as?

A Usually....you like the lion don't you Greta?

D ???

A The lion.

D ???

A You like that one don't you?

Q Wow.

D It is a sheep.

A A sheep? It's a lion, lion.

C Mummy, are they going to ???

Q Zander, can we ask you what your favourite dress up is?

C No.

Q OK.

C Play with the ones in your office. I use on a piece of paper, a Christmas tree.

A Oh I see, yeah, they're in my office, you can go up, you can go and get them. Can you reach though? You might have to move daddy's chair and stand up. They're on the shelf.

Q Is that a frog? Was there a frog on the farm?

D No don't ??? I need one, I need one.

Q Oh OK. Oh if you kiss it it might turn into a prince!

A Yeah, I know. Get some ???

Q2 I see lots of like film inspired kind of dress up, is that the whole Spiderman and a Captain America shield?

A I've got to be honest, a lot of these are hand-me-downs.

Q Oh are they?

A Or like you know things that people have passed on to us.

Q Oh cool, so it's sort of like things that other children have grown out of they sort of inherit?

A Yeah. But I think a lot of the superhero stuff was Zander's because he was really into superheroes and just that was like what he'd asked for for his birthday and stuff. But like the racing car driver and there's like a prince costume he needed for school.

Q So he had a costume, was that like a play or something like that?

A It was like International Day, he had to come in like international dress kind of thing. So yeah, did the Royals. But that's like been passed round, you know like other friends and stuff. And there's a knight as well, I think that was the next year he did like a knight.

Q Oh I've just seen your slippers are flashing Greta.

Q2 Aren't they amazing.

Q They are. What's this? Is this your pen?

D Yeah that my pen.

Q Is that your pen for your Aquamat? It's really good. Do you know what colour it's going to be before you start drawing, or is it always a gamble?

A It's a surprise, it's a gamble. Draw something. What shall we draw?

D A baboon.

A A baboon? Oh Greta.

Q Greta you like baboon's don't you?

A She loves monkeys and things.

D Teddy bear.

A Shall we draw a teddy, shall we draw your teddy?

D Yeah.

A Little Ted.

Q So is there any kind of tech or digital stuff in here? I know there's the....I suppose the ice cream cart.

A Yeah, and I guess the till's not really, it's just an open and close isn't it, it's not really got much to it.

Q2 And it has a credit card now, I think it's amazing. Switch.

A Yeah, I'm surprised it's not got a little scanner or something.

Q Yeah.

A There was, like there's Greta's remote control car, and there was Zander's remote control helicopter, but that's in his bedroom. But that's it. There literally is no....

D Please may I have that?

A Of course you can, you can put it on, you don't need me to help, you can do this by yourself.

Q Would they ever bring their tablets in here at all?

A No, just purely because I don't think....

C ??? yellow one ???

A Let's have a look Zander. Oh they're biros honey, they're in the jar, they're in a jar. Can you use these ones? What about some paints?

Q So this isn't somewhere where they would...

A I don't think they would just come and sit in here, they're always playing, or it's Miles and I who are sitting, or like sitting on the floor playing with them and stuff. They would never come in here and play on their tablets.

Q Right, so it's a sort of...

A I don't know why, just it's more of an active room I guess, that's how I feel about this room.

Time 20:11

Q Yeah OK. So there's a lot of books in here, and the wooden toys, and Lego. And I can see dolls as well, there's a doll. And I suppose....

A Oh yes, Greta's doll. Oh there's like a box of musical instruments and stuff in there.

Q Oh is there.

A So that literally needs....you're welcome to like look in all these things. Zander, ??? I'll come in just one second.

D That's a sheep.

Q Is it a sheep? I'm not sure.

D It is.

Q I'm not sure it's a sheep.

A ??? Greta. And then it tends to be like a creative box, like a creative box there that Zander could like....like with Zander's, there's like a ??? jigsaw, mosaics, stickers, animal masks, creative writing, colour by numbers, that kind of stuff. I'll come and help you now Zanderky, OK. You've got your leg in your arm, look.

Q These are some brilliant pictures on the walls?

Q2 Yeah they're amazing.

A They've not been....it's been resolved ??? I've tried to change it all. It keeps building up, I've got a massive pile to like...

Q There's some good Ninja Turtles there.

A Oh yeah, that's something that you and daddy do quite a lot isn't it Zander?

C No we don't do quite a lot.

A OK you do it sometimes.

Q What do you do Zander?

A Pick something to draw? And then you draw it and daddy draws it?

C Yeah.

Q Whose idea was it to draw Turtles?

C Daddy's.

Q Daddy's. Is your daddy into Turtles?

C Yeah.

A And then the other day he did Darth Vader didn't you?

Q Did you? So do they sort of sit and draw together?

A Yeah.

Q OK.

*Music playing*

A Occasionally with his guitar, and sometimes when people come round they get them out, but actually that would never be Zander's first creative thing ??? toys.

Q But he has....is it that guitar there, or is it....

A Yeah, and there's some stuff ??? if he's had friends round and they've all been playing. But he'd never necessarily....

Q Oh, got a harmonica.

Q2 Wow. Can you play it?

C ???

Q So what sort of things do they....do they play in here as well, you've got more sort of craft things and things.

A I would say yeah in here it tends...yeah I've got like a few...I've got like some paints and scrap books and crayons that are just in there. And we tend to do, if we ever do Learning Log for school, you know like ??? you know just different activities in his book, we'll always do it in here.

Q Oh OK, so it's like a homework place. It's a place to ???

A Yeah I think it's sometimes because it's easier around cooking and stuff.

Q Yeah.

D ???

A It's too small for that one.

Q Oh it's the first time he's had to put an apron on because she's going to do some painting.

A ??? he wants to do it.

Q Yeah. And do you do any sort of reading in here or things like that, or is it mostly to do with school reading, or is it family reading?

D (screams)

A ??? busy in there.

Q Ah right, you've got a TV.

A And we've got an Alexa, a little one, I don't know what you call it. Now there's two lots of paints, there's one here and there's one here.

Q2 Is it [pet name] the dog?

A [pet name]

Q2 Do they play with [pet name]?

A Yeah.

Q2 What kind of things do they play with him?

A A lot of the time with Zander and [pet name] it's like do a walk and ??? somebody football, a lot of the football in the hallway.

Q Oh wow, oh that's cool.

Time 25:00

A Only a general like say....I'm going to wrestling but that's not the right word, but you know.

Q2 Like rough and tumble kind of....yeah.

A Yeah. And recently Zander's been getting [pet name] comfortable with a blanket.

Q Oh!

A Haven't you Zander? And you sometimes give him a pillow to put round his head for him just when he starts sleeping.

Q2 Ah, making sure he's all warm and cosy. Oh that's lovely. I bet he appreciates that.

A He does.

Q2 He probably does, definitely.

Q Does the hallway get used for any other sort of games or vehicles or anything like that?

A It tends to be like, we've got a little obstacle course like with cones and stuff we tend to do, sometimes for....what do we do with your obstacle course Zander, you know when we set the obstacle course up in the hall? For the remote control cars isn't it sometimes.

C Yeah. And it's my ???

A And like train tracks, to build like long train tracks like though the lounge table and stuff.

Q2 Aha, that will go into different rooms?

A Yeah, we tend to do that a lot with Zander, like I think....I don't know he's not as much into that now, and Greta isn't probably quite there yet with like train tracks and stuff, it's still in Zander's room. But we used to do that a lot, like building train tracks from one room to the other and around the furniture and stuff.

Q Oh wow. Is that sort of wooden train tracks or....

A Yeah, and that would be ???

Q Yeah. Brilliant.

A And we used to have....we've got some Sellotape haven't we that's like tracks?

Q Have you?

A Yeah, we've run out now, we've used it because it's ??? quite long, but we've got like train tracks and car tracks, and sometimes do like races with the cars and stuff down the hall and stuff like that.

Q So can you just sort of stick it to the floor and....

A Yeah, it's like ??? tape, you know like ??? so it doesn't stick to the work. But yeah obviously one roll kind of is like one sitting ???

Q Yeah. So who would you play that with, is that just like a family game?

A No I'd say it's usually with Zander, and then Greta obviously...

C Joins in.

A Joins in.

Q Oh brilliant. So do you have like Wacky Races?

A But they quite like racing games.

Q How big are the vehicles, are they like little sort of like Scalextric size vehicles, or are they sort of the bigger toys that....



A They're like your little race cars aren't they Zander, you've got quite a few of the little race cars, I'll show you upstairs. You know just like the Hot Wheels kind of size cars.

Q Oh yeah. Brilliant. So in here as well there's a radio, does the radio work?

A Yes it does, yes.

Q And the TV as well.

A And actually that's probably what I have on most of the time.

Q Oh is it?

A Yeah, and sometimes we do watch TV in the mornings.

Q Would that be like breakfast time?

A Yeah, not always but....

Q What sort of things would you watch in the mornings?

A Zander, what do you watch? What would you watch in the morning Zander?

C Er....Star Wars of course.

A No, no.

Q ???

A It's only TV, it's like whatever is on Channel 5, so it might be like Peppa Pig and ??? Chef and stuff like that.

Q Is Star Wars what you'd want to watch in a morning Zander?

C Yeah.

A It tends to be, yeah like whatever Milk Shake is on.

Q Oh yeah, Milk Shake yeah.

C And Star Wars isn't Milk Shake.

A No Star Wars is not Milk Shake is it.

Q Do they have Star Wars cartoons on Milk Shake?

A I don't think they do.

Q I'm trying to think what's on Milk Shake, no, it's Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom and....

A Ben and Holly, and Peppa Pig.

C I hate Ben and Holly.

Q Do you hate Ben and Holly? Poor Ben and Holly.

A I know, that's not very nice. What else is on, and that monkey, Milk Shake Monkey isn't it, because Greta likes that obviously because it's ???

Q And what would you listen to on the radio, is it sort of music or...

A Don't judge my taste in music. It's usually like ??? Magic, it's nothing highbrow. But yeah.

Q2 And Zander and Greta, will they like join in on songs, or like dance to them or anything?

A Sometimes Zander sings 'Magic'.

Q2 Oh so like the theme of Magic FM, that's what it's like isn't it?

A Yeah.

Q Is that the light saber in.....oh! Would you ever use like a smart phone in here or anything like that, would you ever use your phone in here?

Time 30:00

A Yes sometimes, although you don't get much....the signal's not very good so I'd never use it to like talk or anything in here, just purely like because this house...you have to go to the top ??? tends to be....yeah. ???

Q2 And do you use like laptops at all?

A Sometimes, if Zander's doing something, you know, I don't know. Sometimes he does do stuff for school or whatever, then we'll do that in here. Or if he wants to find something out or something like, I don't know, we'll get the laptop. But yeah it's not easily accessible if that makes sense, it's all upstairs.

Q2 Yeah, it's something that would initiate bringing it downstairs.

A Yeah.

Q How is Zander on a laptop, is he kind of quite comfortable using them or...

A So how ??? on a laptop, daddy's laptop, you know if you want to go on to CBeebies or do some stuff for school, would you know how to turn it on and things?

C Mummy, the black's all coming out.

Q Oh the black. Does Greta ever go on the laptop, does she play games on it or...

C No.

Q No.

C Mummy see, look the black's coming out.

A Well it doesn't matter, you can still use it. I think maybe just you've put too much water on it.

Q Does the laptop get used in the lounge as well, or would it just be used in the kitchen or....

C Office.

Q Office, oh OK right.

A Yeah I'd say the office.

Q OK. Zander, can I just ask you while you're here about your light saber. What colour is it going to be do you think? Not sure?

C No.

Q OK.

Q2 You were telling me just now about Darth Vader weren't you, and the colour that Darth Vader's light saber is.

C Red.

Q2 Red.

Q It's going to be fantastic when it's finished.

Q2 It's really good isn't it?

Q When it's finished, or when you've done painting it can we take a picture of it? Yeah? Thank you.

*Toy plays*

Q Wow.

A She's got a tech toy.

Q Yeah.

Q2 Is this Disney princesses? I see.

A Do you want to go in Zander's bedroom, or do you need Zander?

Q OK yeah.

A Greta is just there so it's up to you Beth.

Q Oh it doesn't matter really. No I think he's probably worn out.

A He's so tired, yeah.

Q Yeah he's probably really tired. And it's dark evenings as well. When the night's dark....

A I think that's it. I do feel he's a bit...??? do you know what I mean?

Q Ready for the holidays. They've only been back a week and it's like...so he's got lots of superheroes and things like that in his bedroom?

A Yeah, figures and that's all his train track and stuff in there.

Q Aha. Oh fantastic.

A Tunnels, and he's got ??? sheds there.

Q Oh a lot of it....is some of it Thomas?

A Yeah that's it. But he doesn't play with it as much as he used to, I think it's just age isn't it? But now he tends to do quite technical building, you know it's less sort of, he really makes really, really, really long trains.

Q Oh OK.

A And yeah it's....yeah.

Q Was he into Thomas at any point then?

A He was massively into Thomas, but he was also really, really into...this was like his ultimate favourite toy. Like this is what he played with every day at some point, like building or...and he's got like loads of trains and stuff, but not so much any more I wouldn't say. He'll still occasionally, but it's more me prompting him, like saying 'oh, you know ???'

Q Yeah. Did he collect the trains as well, did he have quite a lot of the Thomas trains?

A Yeah, yeah he got quite a lot of them. I mean he used to set up like little scenes and stuff, he's got his cars.

Q Oh right OK. Would he sort of like, when he was playing would he act out anything that he'd seen from the shows?

A Yeah, like ??? voices and, you know, yeah that was....it was literally his favourite thing to do like, yeah. Yeah, you know I'd hear him saying 'you've got your nose too heavy, I can help you, don't worry', you know it's that kind of.....yeah.

Q Ah. They sound way more helpful in Zander's mind than they are on the show.

A Oh yeah, and like 'me and Gordon' and all that stuff, yeah.

Q Oh yeah.

Time 35:00

C Mummy.

A Yes.

C ???

A Wants me to get him another roll of ???

Q2 Got some walkie talkies.

Q Oh yeah, walkie talkies.

Q2 As in like the old Joker and Penguin and stuff, like...

A Yeah. I think there's a big Batmobile recall on that one.

Q Oh this one?

A Yeah, a friend gave Zander that and ???

Q Yeah Beth noticed some of the toys are quite sort of older style.

Q2 Yeah. I was just like I wondered because I thought Miles was saying about can't wait to get Zander into the comics and stuff like that, and I was like ???

A Yeah, he's so excited.

Q Are any of the figures Miles's as well, because that Superman looks quite vintage.

A I don't think that one is actually.

Q Oh is it not?

A I think it tends to be some of like the Skeletor and some of the ones that I actually don't know exactly what they are.

Q Oh the He-Man and....

A Yeah, Miles would know like straightaway. But Zander had loads of them, have you found the ones....but they all sit....I think they're all maybe this...yeah I think some of the little ones are older.

Q Yeah. Does Miles have anywhere that he sort of keeps his collection, or does he bring it....

A Not really, no. I think neither of us really have that much stuff to pass on, it's really sad, but I think his mum just found some of those. Because I don't know where the rest of them are, maybe they're in the playroom or they might be in one of the boxes behind you, right behind you actually.

Q Does Zander know kind of what they are?

A I think if sort of from He-Man probably not. I think he knows Skeletor and He-Man but I don't really know any of the others.

Q How does he like to play with them? Does he play with them much or...

A Again he used to but not really, he doesn't play with them that much any more, and it tends to be if Miles's engaged with him doing something he will play. But he wouldn't just obviously he wouldn't necessarily just do it on his own. It tends to be now like the stuff like the castle with the soldiers that he'll play on his own, and like with the tank and stuff like that. And like the pirate ship, sometimes he gets the treasure and he's got crystals and stuff and he'll play with that quite a lot on his own. But not so much this and the train, I kind of feel like that was probably like about a year ago.

Q Yeah. When he's playing by himself with things like the pirate ship and stuff, is he sort of...when you said earlier he like makes scenes and things like that, what sort of stuff does he do?

A It probably is like, it probably is baddies and goodies, that kind of thing you know, when you're making them walk the plank or, you know.... I don't really know, yeah, I don't know.

Q So that's where his play sort of ???

A A little bit yeah. So he is quite into like his treasure chests and he's got lots of crystals and, you know like jewels and treasure and stuff. So it tends to be like looking through that and sorting it out and stuff, but not so much...yeah.

Q Where does he find out about things like pirates and stuff like that, do you know whether it comes from school or friends?

A Yeah I don't know, I mean obviously like they have fancy dress days at school and they read, you know there's a lot of pirate books and stuff like that.

Q Oh do they, ah! What kind of fancy dress days have they had?

A Well they've had like World Book Day and...

Q What did he go as for that?

A He went.....yeah he's done....what's he done...he did definitely go as a pirate one year. A lion. And a tiger. Yeah. I think that's it, yeah. I don't know. And other dress up days, like they have pajama days and stuff, and like Wear Red days and International Day where they dress up in their like costumes of their country.

Q Yeah.

A Yeah, World Book Day's a big one I think.

Q Yeah I think so, yeah, I get the feeling it's quite a big one. I think most schools do it don't they, World Book Day.

Q2 Can you tell me about the walkie talkies and how they are used at all, or if they're used or not?

A Not yet really. I know there's games on them and you can obviously speak on them, but that's like us not probably figuring out how to use them properly. Like Zander plays with them but not really for what they're meant to be for I guess, actually like speaking.

Q2 Oh do you like pretend that it's a walkie talkie rather than like use it as one?

A Yeah. And I think that's our fault for not like looking through the instructions properly.

Q2 No that's cool I was just wondering, because I was like 'ooh' but no that's fine, that's brilliant.

Q So you said there's games on the walkie talkies as well is there?

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A Mmm.

Q What sort of....like sort of....

A I don't know, I guess it's just like simple....I don't know, Zander might know more.

Q Do you know if they've got a camera in them or anything like that ?

A I actually don't, no, I don't know. You need some water – OK, OK.

Q Shall we....I think we're done in here, shall we move....go and have a look at Greta's room.

A Just wait a minute and I'll grab the teacups.

Q OK, I'll grab the coffee.

A Every morning I go in and after every night they're just everywhere.

Q Are they? Oh.

A And she literally, she really plays with them. And like obviously she's like George, she's got shoes and shorts in there so she's getting them dressed and undressed.

Q Oh, so she gets George dressed?

A He's got his shoes. And Monkey as well usually has loads of clothes, she often gets him dressed and undressed. But yeah, she does a lot of chatting and playing with the teddies, like you hear her sort of saying 'you need your nappy changed', or you know this and that, or 'you haven't got your top on'. You know like 'you need your blanket' or something, I don't know it's just....yeah.

Q Is that like first thing in the morning as well?

A Yeah and she's quite happy. Sometimes it's you know literally I'm getting ready and stuff and I can hear her, and she's just like playing with her teddies.

Q Is Baboon her favourite?

A Actually her favourite is the little Ted at the moment. But Baboon's....yeah, I don't know where he's gone, I think she may have taken him. I can't keep track of all of them. But yeah little Ted is like her comforter I guess, that's like her favourite. And little fox, and then she loves the baboons.

Q And she's got a unicorn and she's got a Sponge Bob as well, does the watch that or has she just acquired that?

A No, we went on holiday, we went to like a Nickelodeon Water Park or something....

Q Oh did you, where was that?

A It was in the Dominican Republic.

Q Oh wow.

A And it was really nice, and it had like slime time where all the green water came down and stuff. Zander loved it.

Q Oh amazing.

A But some of the characters came out, but I'm not really like....you know with like Sponge Bob and stuff but he came out and...they had some birthday money or something so I think they both got that.



Q I didn't know there was a Nickelodeon Water Park.

A I know, it's really cool actually.

Q Yeah, it sounds great. Oh and you've got a kitchen, so many nice things. So when would she play in her room, is that sort of morning and....

A Yeah, quite often, quite often. Probably like in a morning say if I've got up and got her dressed and I'm just getting ready she'll play in here. Or....quite often I play in here with her, like there's loads of books and stuff she always wants to read. And we have like tea parties for teddies and stuff.

D What is that?

A Oh that's a necklace mummy gave to you that you used to have, you used to bite on it when you were little, I thought you could keep it.

D Can I keep this?

A You can keep it, yeah.

D It's mine.

A It is yours.

Q What sort of things does she like to play on in here then?

A She likes that house with the bears in in the back.

Q Oh OK.

A Greta, can you see your house with the bears and Goldilocks? That one.

Q So is that the three bears cottage?

A The three bears cottage.

Q Does she hear the....with the books and things, are these sort of like things that, sort of stories that you would read to her. Or does she hear them at nursery or....

A Yeah. And Zander as well sometimes, and he's got like all those kind of like classic books, so we do tend to have like...we do do stories at night together and we'll read that kind of thing to both of them. Greta, Greta does love her stories and books.

Q Does she?

A That's probably one of her favourite things to do I'd say. She does like...she's started doing a lot of tea parties for her teddies. We've got like cakes downstairs and sometimes she'll bring them up.

Q Real cakes?

A No. Well obviously of course real cakes!

Q Yeah, lots of real cakes!

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A Like she'll sorting them at the moment, and she's got like a bus and she's got one downstairs as well. There's like those books down there but they're more like interactive books, do you know what I mean, like she'll want me to....she'll point at them and....or she'll want to tell me what things are.

Q When you say interactive, are they sort of like....

A Yeah that's probably the wrong word. I mean like more....rather than me just read a story it's like looking and pointing, she wants....it's like....

Q OK.

A Like you know, just stuff like your flaps and stuff like that.

Q Oh yeah.

A And she'll....yeah. And that's the same, it will be flaps. But she likes to point and tell me what things are.

D Need to get ???

A What is it Greta?

D Need to put it through.....

A You need a what? ....more like putting socks in the washing machine.

Q Oh that's an amazing book.

A And I mean it was about £25, it was quite a lot of money, but she's used it so much. And like putting the spots on the ladybird and...

Q Ah, so you have to match the colours.

A Yeah matching the colours. And there was a flower on there, she's pulled it off, but it was like a button, and then you match....

Q I love the fact that it's all the cloth ???

A It's amazing honestly, and like she's got so much use out of it. And that's meant to be for I guess when she's older like fastening, and plaiting. And then things in the crocodile's mouth, and the clock. Honestly it's been amazing.

Q So is it sort of like puzzles that she likes to have a go at?

A Yeah.

D Buttons.

A Yeah the button's come off and we need to sew it back on, because you played with that so much the button's come off hasn't it? It's come off that one. I need to sew it back on. And there's shoelaces and things, you need to learn how to tie shoe laces. It's a really nice one that one isn't it Greta.

Q And is the rabbit and the carrot, is that like noughts and crosses?

A Yeah, that's like noughts and crosses game.

D I see more dot.

A Where would you like to put them?

D In the crocodile's mouth.

A In the crocodile's mouth. There, that's it.

Q I didn't see the other soft toys up here as well.

Q2 Wow.

Q Is that a care bear?

A Yeah and she won that in a raffle.

Q Did she?

A Yeah, when we were away.

Q2 Oh brilliant.

A She won it, I couldn't believe it.

Q And a big shark.

A Oh yeah, you love your shark don't you Greta?

Q Do you like sharks?

A ??? tend to get them ??? sharks.

Q Oh does she? What started the sharks?

A Do you know I don't know, I think it might have been that Baby Shark film.

Q Really?

A And Zander as well because he's big brother, I think he had a little shark or something.

Q Right.

D ???

A Shark, you love Sharky don't you?

Q Aw....shark snuggles. Wow. That shark is really....

Q2 That's an amazing shark.

Q It's bigger than you Greta.

A Yeah.

D ???

A In there, yes you know there is something.

Q I didn't look, has Zander got any soft toys in his room?

A Oh yeah, they're under his bed.

Q Oh are they, OK.

A They're like a den, the beds. And actually he plays in there, you know he has play ??? and stuff, that's all under there.

Q Would you ever sort of bring anything sort of...any sort of tech devices in here or use them in here, like phones or tablets or anything like that in here?

A Maybe I might have my phone on me, it wouldn't be....

Q But it wouldn't be like being used.

A I wouldn't....no, no.

Q What about things like anything that plays music or anything like that?

A Yes. Now we did have a CD player but that broke ??? I think that's seen better days. But yeah for like music, definitely that is something that I am aware of for the kids, I want

them to have access to their own music. But it's kind of just figuring out the best way to do that, whether it's like a little Alexa thing in their rooms or something I don't know. But yeah we did used to have a CD player and that was in Zander's room, but it just got broken.

D     ???

A     This is like a ???

Q     Oh OK. Oh.

Q2    Oh it's gorgeous.

A     So it does project.

Q     Oh that's lovely.

D     ???

A     What's that noise? It's your stars, you put them on at night time, isn't it? That's literally like every night. I think it's....

Q     So that comes on every night.

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A     Yeah.

Q     And it projects stars on to the ceiling, yeah. Does it have a set timer where it runs for a certain amount of time?

A     Yeah, I think it's just a few minutes actually, maybe 10 minutes I think.

Q     Oh it's lovely.

A     I think it's then it feel like....you know it feels like part of bedtime routine if that makes sense.

Q     Oh OK.

Q2    So it is something that you'll like take with you on holiday.

A     We will take it, yeah. She probably doesn't even need it now, but it's just like a routine isn't it and she associates it with sleep.

Q     With going to sleep. Yeah OK. Shall we move on?

Q2    Wow, that's amazing.

Q     Building stuff in the bathroom, that's brilliant.

Q2 Oh that's fabulous.

A So yeah.

Q So that's a huge Duplo tower in the bathroom.

A Yeah.

Q Does the Duplo live in the bathroom, is it like bathroom Duplo, or does it move around?

A No it is actually just we only use it in the bathroom.

Q Oh wow, that's really cool.

A It's big Duplo, I don't ???

Q2 It like squirts water I think those ones?

Q Oh?

Q2 You can put water in and like it pours and like....

Q Ah.

A This is techie but it's like ??? that is techie but yeah. This is what they have on sometimes at bath time. So I can just go...

Q Oh wow.

Q2 That's amazing. Cool.

A And it used to spin round, but I think it's past its best now. You turn the light off and it's like....

Q2 That's so cool.

A And it kind of just still spins. Do you want to turn the light off.

Q2 Shall I turn the light off?

Q Wow.

A So they do have a disco bath time ???

Q That's really fun. So they have music on in the bathroom as well?

A Yeah sometimes, yeah. Just usually through my phone, like nursery rhymes. That's a treat, sometimes on my phone, you know just like...just all the classics, just like ???

Q2 Oh brilliant.

Q Oh that's really good.

Q2 Awesome.

Q Lots of bath toys.

Q2 Yeah, oh brilliant. Oh fun.

A And they've got....and they love those as well but they're not techie, they just play with these.

Q2 Yeah, like Small World type of things.

A Yeah.

Q2 Oh brilliant. And am I right that....

A And there's boats and stuff.

Q2 Oh yeah, oh the boats.

A And there's a lion. A random lion and animals!

Q2 Oh brilliant. And the shark's there as well. That's amazing.

A Our water vessels.

Q2 Am I right in thinking that that's one that you put water in the top and then it like....

A Yeah there's a light that comes on.

Q2 Oh OK cool, awesome. Brilliant.

A I'm just going to check on Greta.

Q OK.

A ....my creative space.

Q Oh wow, so this is where you do your....this is your like arts base?

A Yeah, and originally like Miles didn't have a desk and it was literally like I had like my yogo studio, but it was like Miles had ??? guests stopping and we were like we need the space. And I used to work from home as well, which is hence why I had the whole room. But now, because I'm not working right now, we were like actually let's make it a shared creative space.

Q Oh that's fantastic.

A Are you doing some work?

Q Oh bless.

A Are you doing some work?

Q What sort of thing are you working on at the moment – if it's alright to ask you?

A Yeah. I'm actually doing an art course, it's like a mixed media art course. And I've just got an idea for a book.

Q Oh how brilliant.

A So I've been doing a bit of work. But I'm like, you know I'm at that stage where I'm like it's bits, you know, I'm just working on it and I'm just not going to put any pressure on it. But yeah that's basically what I'm doing now.

Q2 Exciting.

A Yes it is really exciting, I'm doing a bit of vision boarding, and I'm getting quite into all that stuff.

Q Oh right. So is it kind of like you're thinking of also an illustrating project type thing, would it be illustrating or....

A Would it be illustrating?

Q Yeah, would you be illustrating it as well as writing it?

A Oh no definitely not, no. I literally like just...I wouldn't ....yeah I just like to do a bit of stuff for fun, I wouldn't say I'm like...you know.

Q Oh that sounds so exciting though.

A Yeah that's ??? I'd say any kind of like stuff that is like laptops or anything is like up here. And actually Zander does come up here sometimes and we'll do stuff on Miles's laptop or my laptop – not often but it would be a space we would all use, it's not like our space.

Q2 And would they go on the tablets at all, or on the iPad? And does it stay here?

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A Yeah, tends to. I mean sometimes like we'll take it in the lounge but....

D Mummy, mummy.....

Q2 Oh, Monkey's going to have a go. Are you going to try it ???

A You want to sit on, OK, OK.



Q Would you use sort of phones in here as well and things like that?

A Yeah, yeah.

D ??? on my lap.

A You want him on your lap, OK. There.

D And these ones.

A And this one as well? Oh there, look.

Q2 Oh they are going to try it out. There are as well.

A But yeah at the moment I think it's just because it's looking a bit more of a dumping ground, you know like all this stuff, I'm like 'oh' I need to give it a bit of a sort out.

Q Yeah.

D ???

A What sweetie-pie.

Q It's such a lovely space.

Q2 Mmm, it's fabulous.

D It's that one.

A That one?

D Yeah.

Q And so these are kind of like....are these your sort of craft materials and stuff like that up here?

A Yeah, yeah. And I've got a sewing machine and stuff. And then like my journals and stuff.

Q Oh right.

A And that's like a cupboard for the.....

Q Yeah. Were you always like really into sort of creating and things like that, is that something that's always been...

A I think so yeah. Like I think it's just....it wasn't until we moved here and there was a bit like I thought we could have a room that's like a creative room. You know because in the

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future I'd like to encourage...you know like we can all use it, and I'd love to like think that we can do stuff up here together. And I want them to feel like it's their space as well.