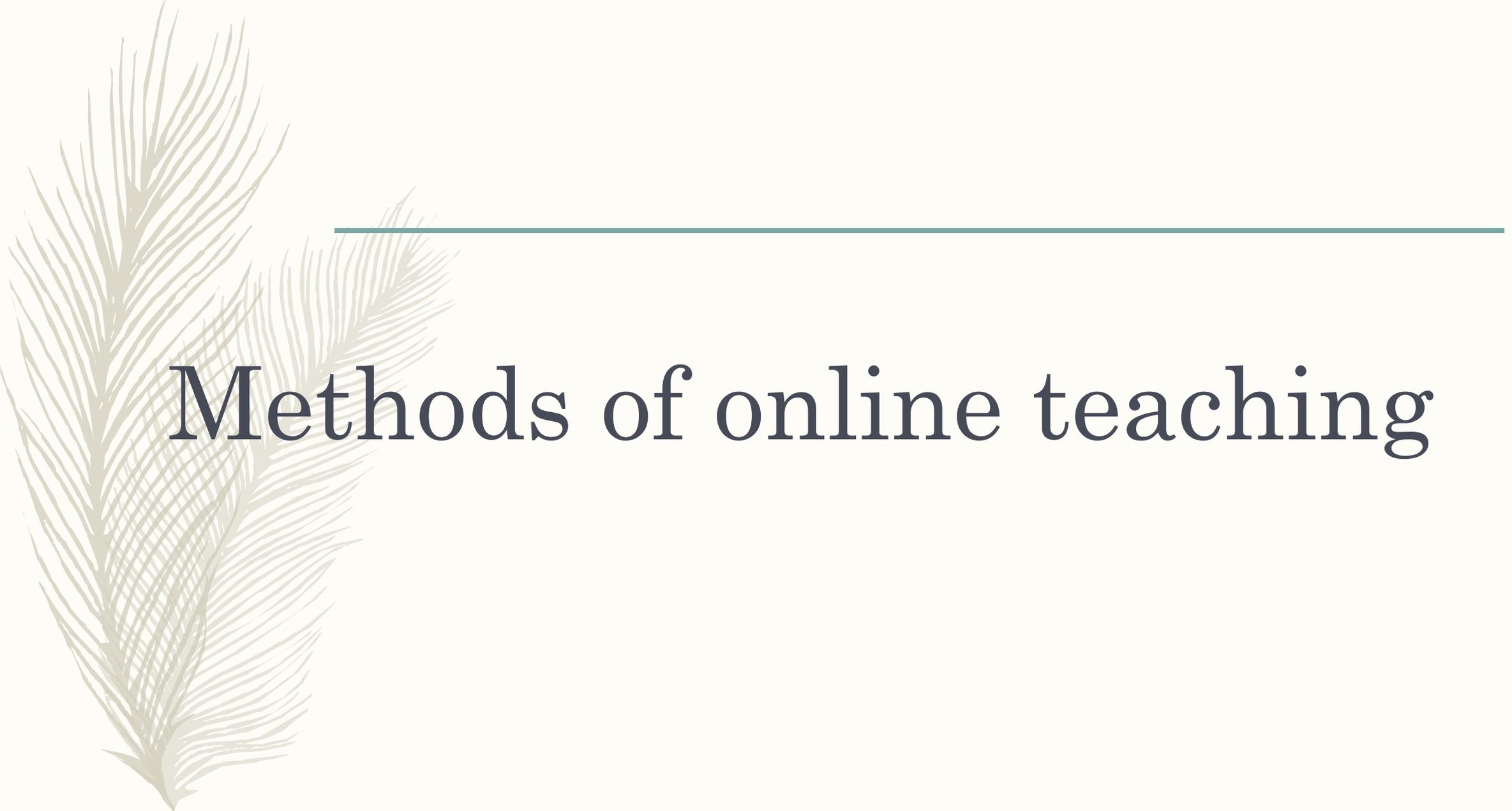




Being a Year 2 teacher through the Pandemic: Making online learning a meaningful journey for my young students and their parents.

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Methods of online teaching

FB page- Ms. Chanty's World



- Videos with a curricular focus, for example: adjectives through Peppa Pig's story.
- Experiments
- Creative tasks
- A space for parents to share children's work – pride and motivation.

San Gwann Primary Online School

Maths: Going Shopping



Creating your own shop at home!

For this game, you are going to create the shop of your choice. Look around for items that you have in your house and create one of the following shops:

- a shoe shop
- a clothes shop
- a toy shop
- a plant shop
- a pet shop
- a book shop
- a music shop



For your shop you have to choose 8 items. Label your items with the

Physical Education

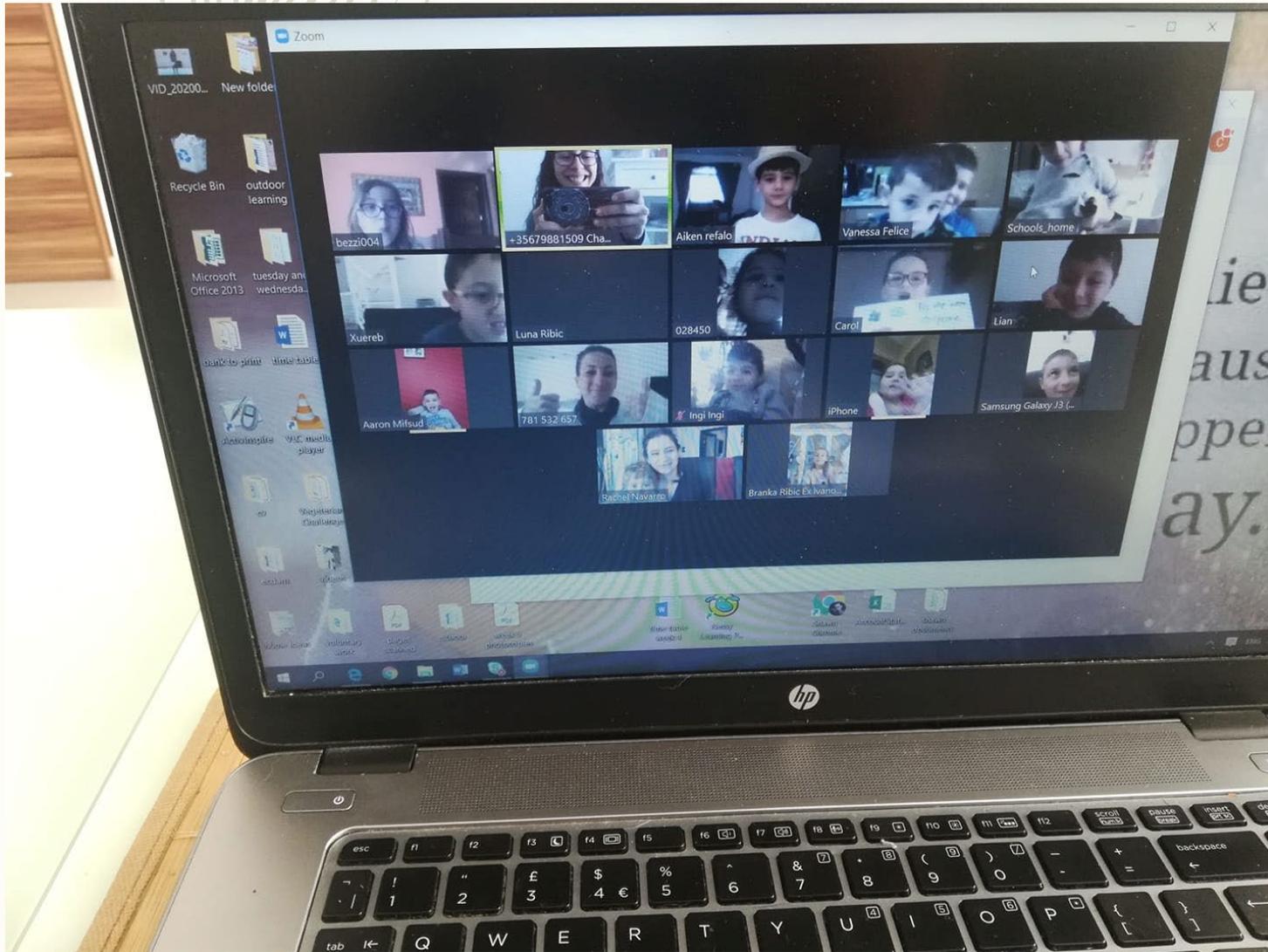


- A school initiative
- Working with other Year 2 colleagues
- Holistic learning activities: learning through play, writing tasks, crafts and experiments
- Videos and PPTs to explain concepts

Using Messenger for daily feedback

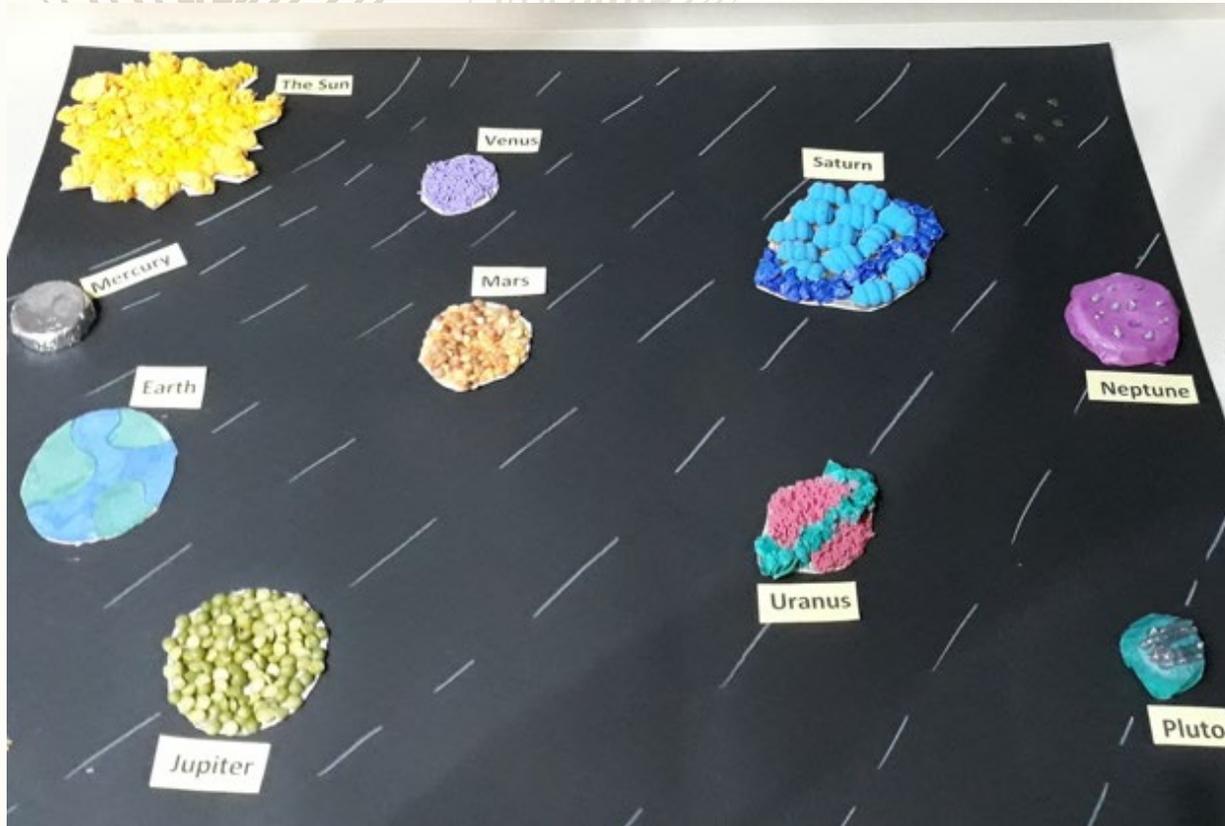


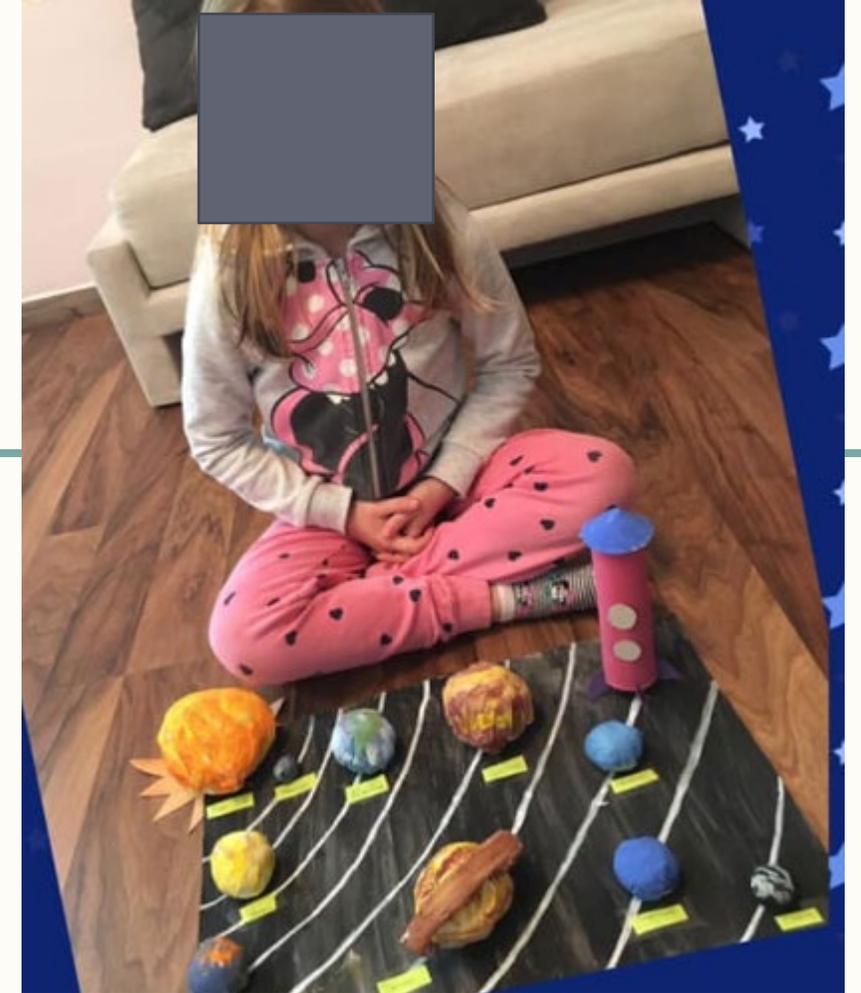
Weekly Zoom Calls



- Keeping relationships with children alive
- Show and Tell sessions
- Discussions
- Working on projects

Making learning meaningful to students: The Project Approach

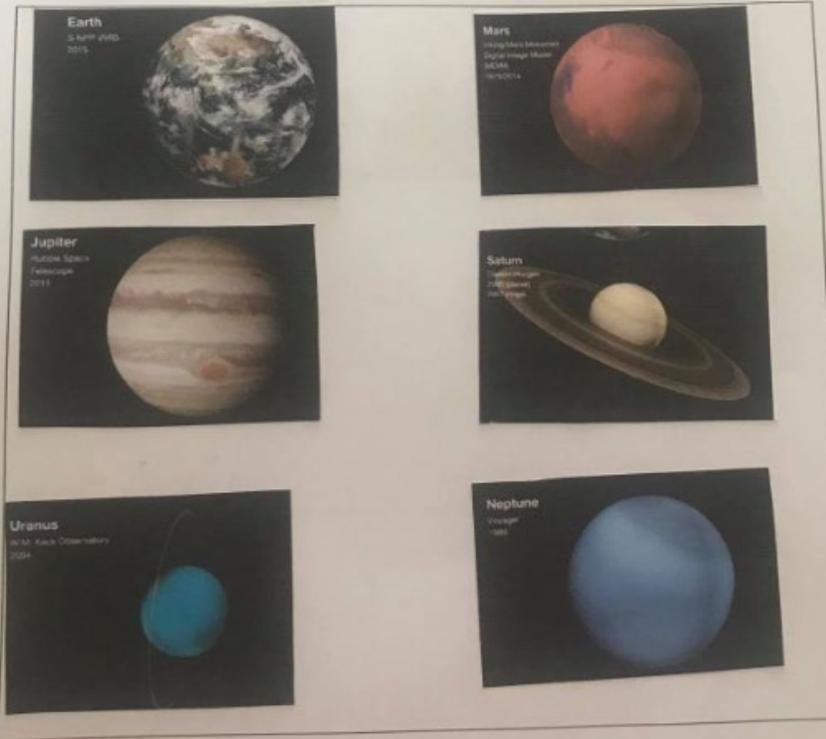




Science: Creating the Solar System and learning planet names.



Do you think that Earth is the only planet that has a moon? Check out on this video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=033NZllfKys&feature=youtu.be>
Afterwards, draw or stick pictures of all the planets that have one or more moons:



Which planet has the largest number of moons? Saturn

Science.

Children made videos about how the Earth orbits the sun.

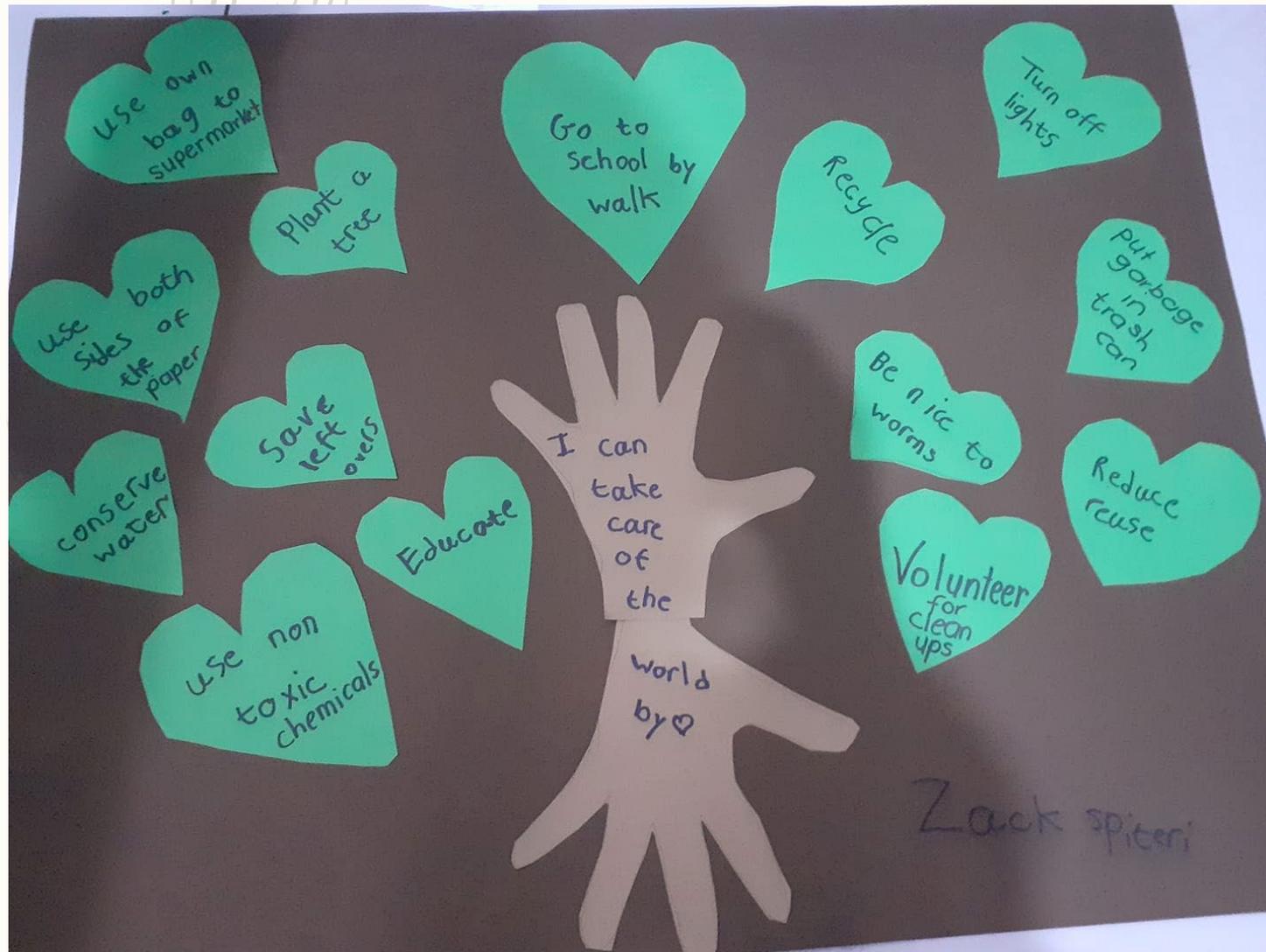
They learnt about different moons on every planet.



- Learning about the Sun and engaging in shadow play.



- Making various Crafts



Reading 'The Earth Book'.

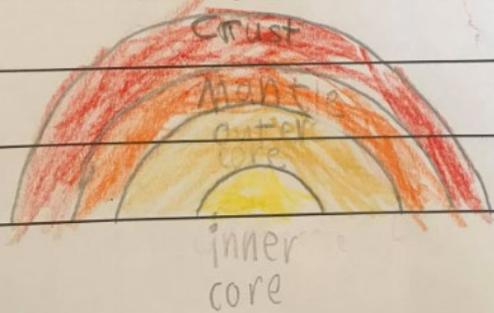
Following activity:

- Writing and discussing how we can take care of planet Earth.



The earth is full of life.

The earth has 4 seasons, Spring, summer, autumn, winter. The earth has 7 continents. The sea has a lot of different fish. The center of the earth is full of lava.



Kitba Kreattiva

Kompli din l-istorja. Dawn il-mistoqsijeit jistghu jghinuk:

- Hemm xi hadd mieghek fir-rokit?
- X'qed tara?
- X'qed tisma' jew thoss?
- Fejn sejjer?
- X'ha tagħmel?
- Hemm aljeni?
- Ġej lura d-dar jew se tibqa' hemm?



Kemm jien eċitat. Jien astronawt u qiegħed għewwa r-rokit tiegħi.

Miegħi hawn Kyle Jean.
Ahna qiegħdin naraw il-qamar ix-xemx u l-pjaneti l-oħra rajn.
Qed nisma l-alieni, natseb qiegħdin jilghabu! Ahna sejjin fuq il-qamar ninwathu l-bandiera ta' Malta. L-ewwel kont Ser nibgħa fuq il-qamar um bat bidilt ksbijiet u gejt lura d-dar.

Creative writing.

- My favourite planet.
- Li kieku kont astronawt.

Going with the flow

When learning about Earth and Mars, children showed an interest in volcanoes. During our last Zoom call we learnt how volcanoes erupt.



Together we made a papier machie volcano and carried out the volcano experiment.



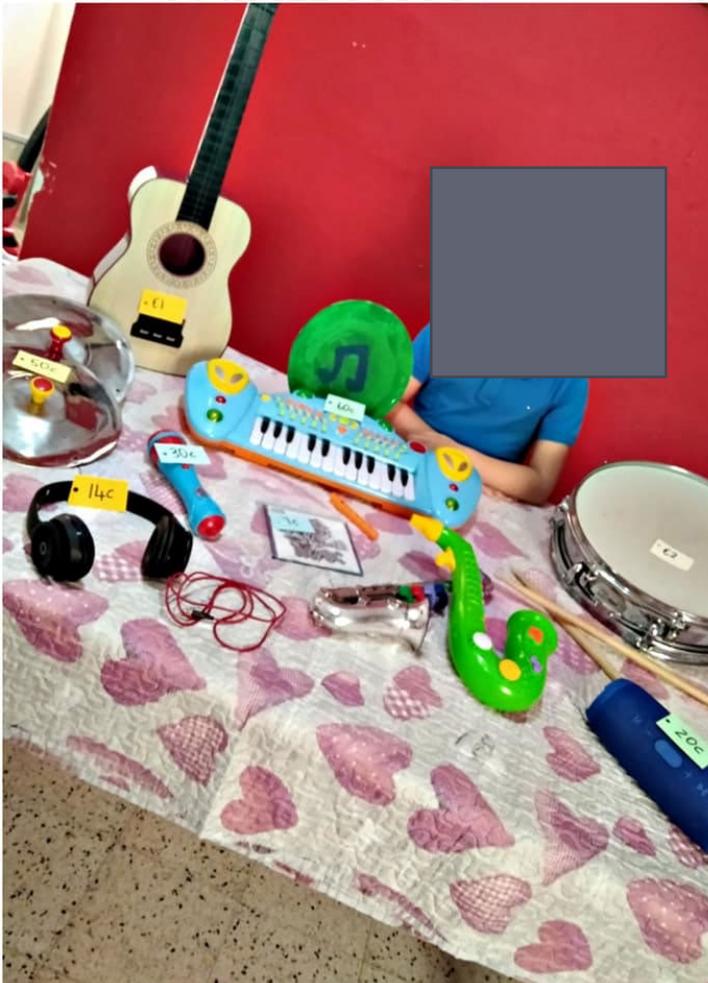
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Online school-meaningful activities

- On the online school we have to upload lessons as a whole Year 2 team. This makes it impossible to reach ALL children's interests.
- Yet together we make sure to give children meaningful and hands-on activities carried out with items around their home, to reach all curricular goals.
- Here are some examples:

Maths.

Creating shops with items found around the house, to practise using money.



Cooking and Languages.

Cooking something delicious and writing about the method used.



Science Experiments.



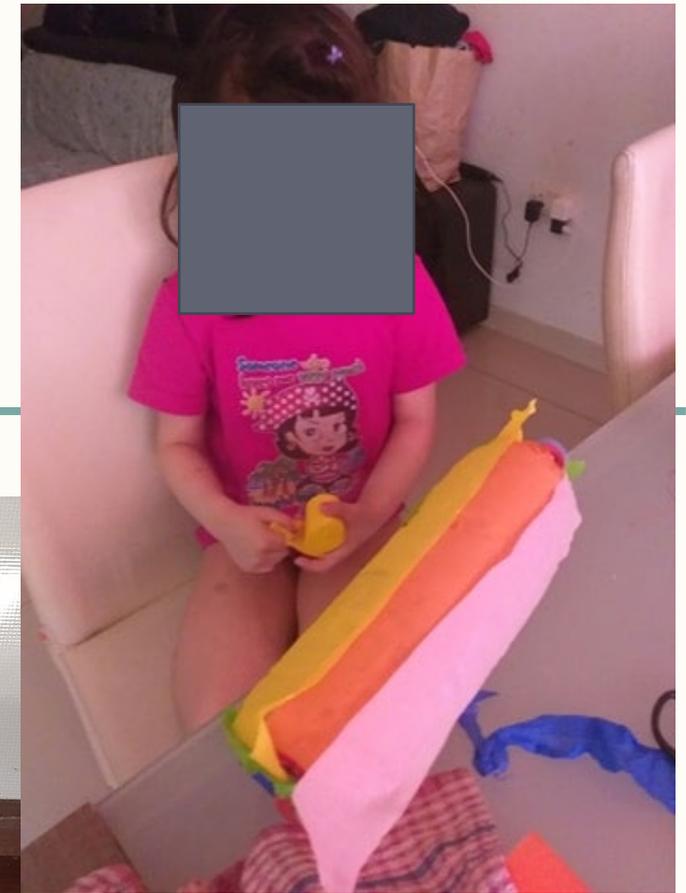
Exploring sounds that different materials around the house (plastic, metal, wood, paper, glass) make.



Exploring how materials/ ingredients change when heated.



Challenges.



Making own creations using different materials.



Social Studies.

Interviewing grandparents about their favourite game when they were young children.

Working with parents

Parent Involvement

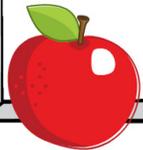
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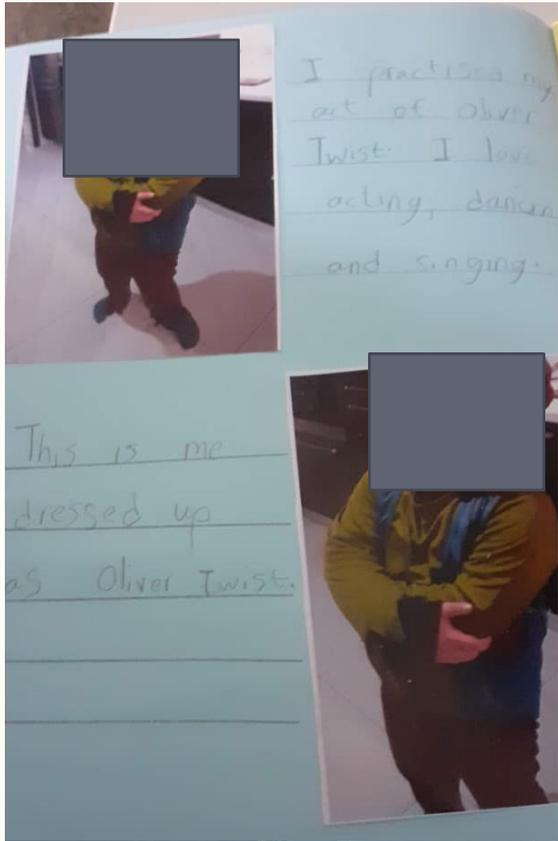
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Parents have now become the front line educators. Working with them, including them, and supporting them in the children's learning journey is more imperative than ever.

- Including parents in our Zoom activities.
 - Personalised feedback on every child's progress to help them reach the next step.
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- Setting up a Messenger chat where I support parents about how to teach certain concepts.
 - Emotional support as children's behaviour, motivation and interests have somewhat been affected by this experience.

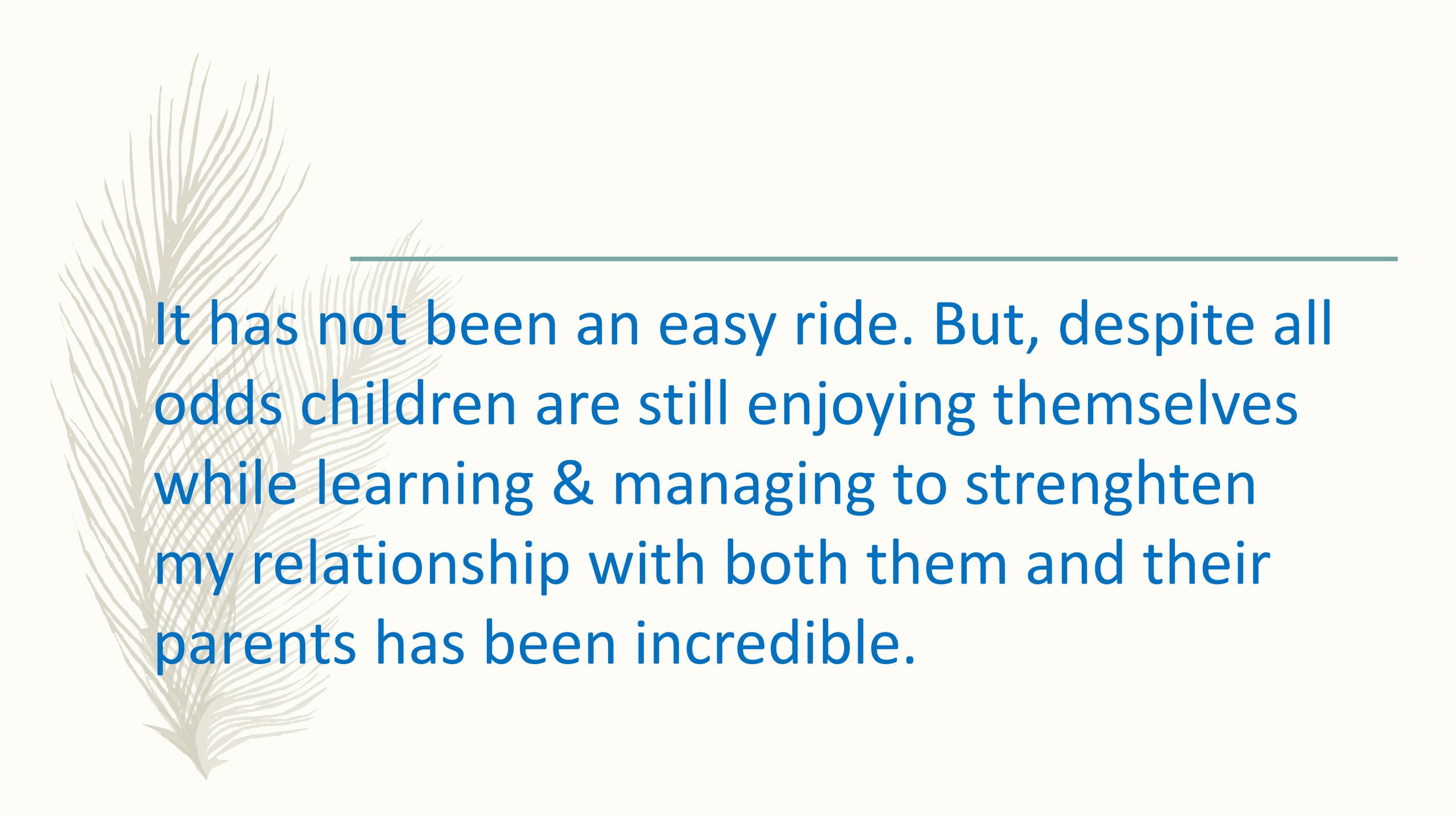




- Watching parents come up with their own holistic ideas to support children's learning further is amazing!!

- The tasks given are now including all the family and that is a great joy to witness.





It has not been an easy ride. But, despite all odds children are still enjoying themselves while learning & managing to strengthen my relationship with both them and their parents has been incredible.