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Belle and Billy Stay at Home



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Chapter 2 Keeping Busy



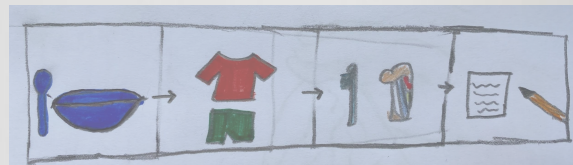
Now that Belle and Billy are staying at home they have to think of lots of things to do to keep busy.

“It's very important we have a routine to our day while we are all at home. We need to get up and have breakfast in the morning just like we would for work and nursery!” Billy's Daddy said to him.





“We can make a plan for all the different types of things we will do each day - some learning, some exercise, some relaxing and lots of fun!” he said.



“Can I watch TV too Dad and play on my tablet?” asked Billy. “You can Billy but not for too long.” replied Dad.

Billy drew some pictures on a piece of paper to show what they would do when.

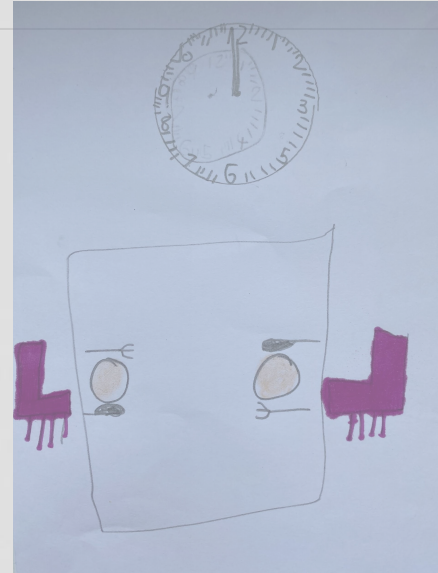
Next door, Belle also had a plan and she was busy doing her learning time with Mummy. “I’ve set you a fun counting challenge this morning Belle”. Belle and her Mummy found some shells they collected last time they were on Blyth beach and then they made two grids.

Rolling a dice, Belle filled up her grid by counting out the right number of shells. “This is so much fun, Mummy” said Belle, “I love games, especially when I win!”.



It was 12 o'clock! The morning went over so quickly for Belle and Billy that they couldn't believe it was time for lunch already!

Billy's Daddy asked "Would you like to make your own lunch today?" "Yes please" said Billy, "I like helping." "What do we need to do before we start making lunch Billy?" asked Dad. "Mmm, wash our hands?" answered Billy.



For lunch, Billy and his Daddy made cream cheese sandwiches, and Billy did a great job of chopping some cucumber sticks “my favourite!” he exclaimed. Daddy poured two beakers of water, and got out two strawberry yoghurts from the fridge. Billy set the table. Two plates, two knives, and two spoons for the yoghurts!

Enjoying their lunch together, they chatted about their very busy morning!

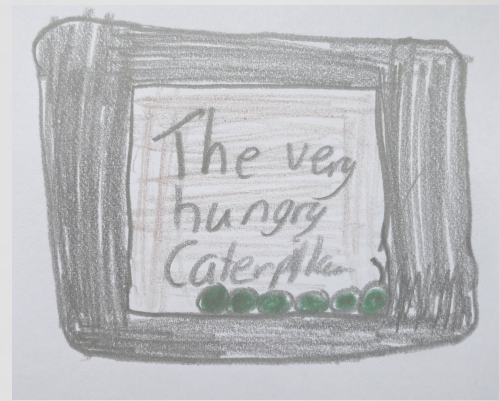




After lunch Dad noticed he had an email from Jo. “Billy, Jo has asked us to log into your online learning journal so we can watch her read a story.”

“That’s good!” said Billy. “I’ve missed seeing Jo today.”

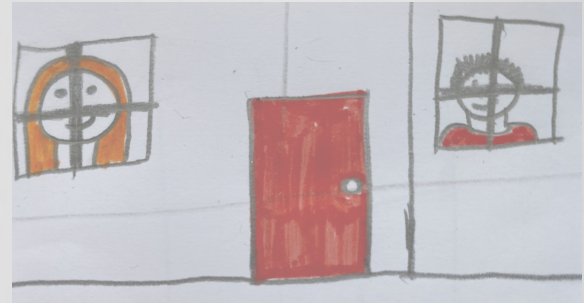
Billy and Dad watched Jo read ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ together. “Can I do a video to send to Jo?” Billy asked. “Yes” replied Dad “Why?” “To say thank you for the story” replied Billy.





In Belle's house, she had just finished watching Jo read the story too. "I love that story" she said.

Just as Belle was about to ask her Mummy to write a message to Jo, her Mummy spotted a message pop up from Billy's Daddy. "Oh look Belle, Billy's been listening to this story too. Isn't it lovely that you and Billy can still do the same things together even when you're apart?"



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Things to talk about with your child after sharing the story...

- ◆ What did Billy and his Daddy make for their lunch?
- ◆ Which story did Jo read?
- ◆ How do you think Belle felt at the end knowing that Billy had listened to the same story?
- ◆ Have you done any of the things Belle and Billy have done while you've been at home?



What will happen in chapter 3? Continue sharing the story with your child each week to catch up with Billy and Belle.

Don't forget to access lots of fun ideas and activities by clicking on the Northumberland Early Years Learning Together at Home pack:

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