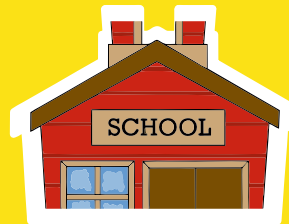




Explaining about **corona virus** and why **I can't go to school**



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Little **Khushi** and **Nonu** are feeling **sad** as they look outside the window.

They have been **home** since **a year** and were looking forward to **going to school** soon.

They are **missing their friends, their teacher and their classroom activities.**





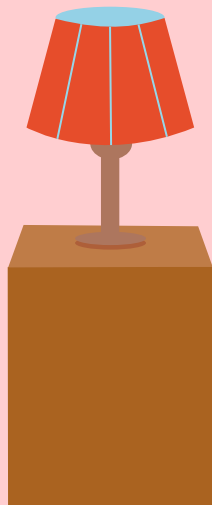
Mummy sees them looking sad and asks them to come and listen to a story.

She takes a **globe** in her hands and asks Khushi and Nonu,

“Do you know what this is?”

Khushi nods and says,
“Yes, mummy it is the world.”

“No, silly! It is a globe,”
says Nonu.



Mummy smiles and hugs both of them and says, “You both are right, it is a model of the world, called a **globe**. And today there is a **virus** all around the globe, because of which people are **falling sick**.”

“**What is a virus?**” asks Nonu.

Mummy explained, “**A virus is something that you cannot see, but it causes sickness.**”

“Like when we get a **cold or fever**, is it **because of a virus?**” Khushi enquired.

“Yes”, said mummy, “**These days there is a virus called corona that is making people sick all over the world.**”





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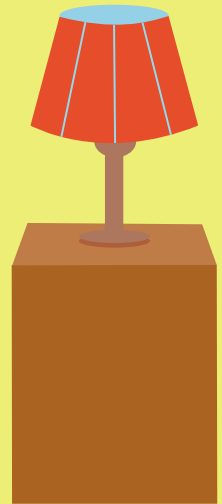
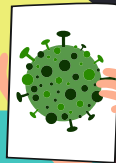
“But mummy, when I have a cold and go to school, no one gets it! **Then why are people getting this virus?**” asked Khushi.

“**Contagi....what is that?**” Nonu was confused.

Mummy explained, “**Contagious is when I have some disease and by touching me or touching something that I have touched, others can also get the disease.**”

“Well, when you have a **cold and fever** it is **called a flu**, and do you remember when you had the flu, how all of us fell sick too?” Mummy asked.

“**Its because the flu virus is contagious.**” Mummy explained.



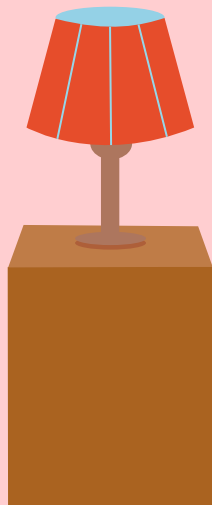


“Wow! No wonder you told us to **stay in bed** and **not go to school**,” said Khushi.

“Is this corona virus something like that?”

Yes,” replied mummy, “it is something like that and **more stronger** and **scientists** and **doctors** are trying to **cure** it but it is **spreading faster** than they can control and that is why they have asked us to **stay at home**.”

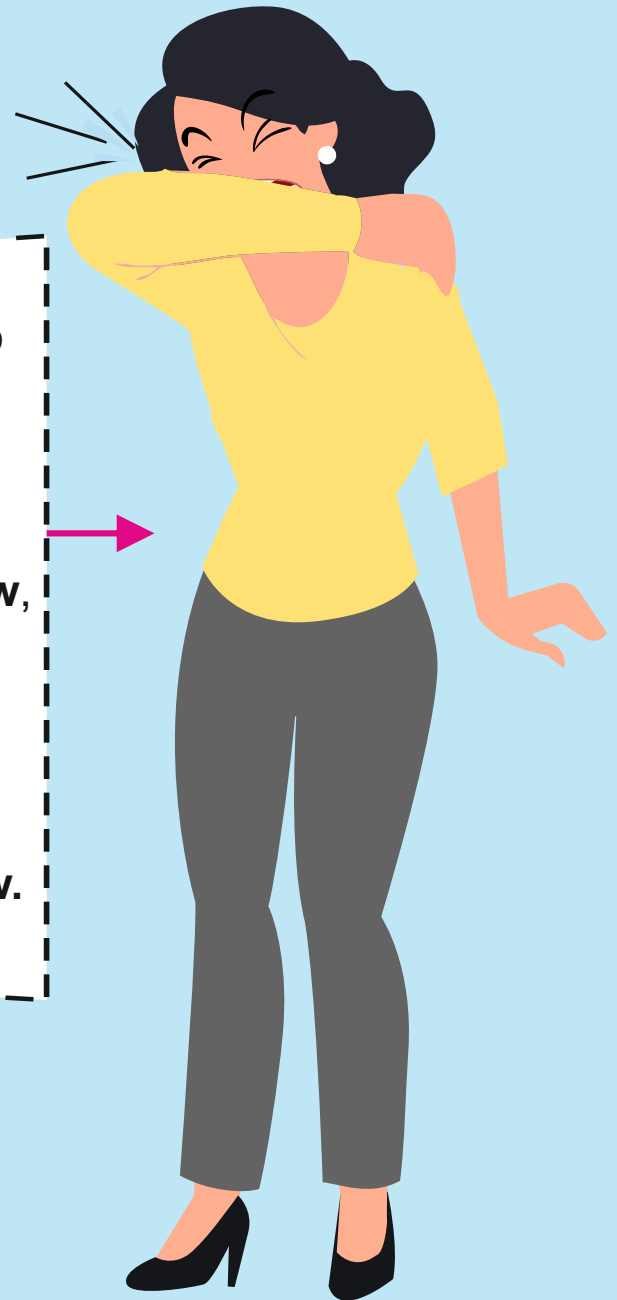
“Yes, and **wash our hands every time** we **sneeze** or **cough**, right mummy?” asked Khushi.

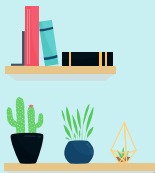




“Yes, it is **important** to ensure that we don't **sneeze** on our **bare hands**, but sneeze in a **tissue** or **in the fold of our elbow**, like this.”

Mummy showed them how to sneeze in a **tissue** and **in the fold of the elbow**.





“So my dear children, right now the whole **world is suffering** from **corona virus**. And because our **Prime Minister** does **not want us all to fall sick**, he has asked us to do two things, who can tell me about it?” asked mummy.

“Me..me...”squealed Khushi. “I know our **Prime Minister** has asked us to **stay at home** and **to maintain distance** from everyone.”

“No, silly there are **big words** for that, they are **quarantine** and **social distancing**.” said Nonu proudly.

“It's the same thing!”
Khushi said, taking out her tongue at her brother.



Mummy laughed and asked them,
“**Are you missing your school and teacher and friends?**”

“Well, there is **good news from Jumbo.**” smiled mummy.

“Tell us..tell us...tell us...”, chimed Nonu and Khushi together

“Well, because you can't go to school, **Podar Jumbo Kids,** has arranged for all **your activities and fun and play to come home to you**”.

“**Really? Our teacher will come home?**” asked Nonu, “but isn't she also suppose to be in quarantine?”

“Yes and no.” said mummy.
“She has to be in **quarantine** but she will **come to meet you on my phone or computer.**”





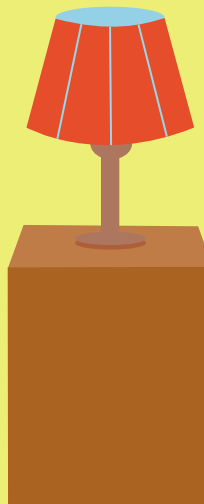
“**Means?**” asked Nonu and Khushi with a puzzled expression.

“Well, your teacher has sent me a whole list of activities that we can do together, all the fun activities that you liked doing in school”, said mummy.

“You mean we will do **sing Rhymes do Number Magic?**” asked Nonu

“Yes and **Symphonics** and **Understanding My World** too?” inquired Khushi.

“Yes, yes dear. All the **activities** that you enjoyed at **Podar Jumbo Kids** and are looking forward to it will be at home for you.” explained mummy.




“And who will do these activities with us?”
asked Nonu and Khushi

“Well, **I will do them** and so will your **daddy.**”
Mummy replied.

Daddy joined them and said, “yes, I will also do some
of the activities with you and do you know that your
teacher will come on **Facebook live** or
Google/Zoom meet and will connect with you.

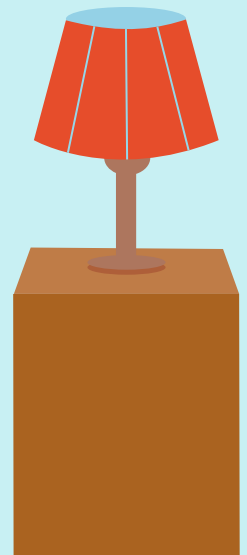
Yippee! Both Khushi and Nonu
started dancing





Suddenly Khushi became pensive and asked,
“**Daddy will we always do school at home?**”

Daddy hugged both of them and said, “No dear, your school will open soon. The more we **stay at home**, the faster we will be able to be **rid of this virus.**”

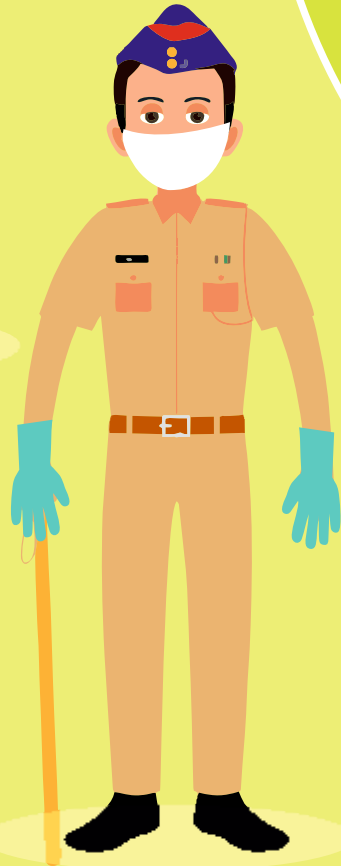
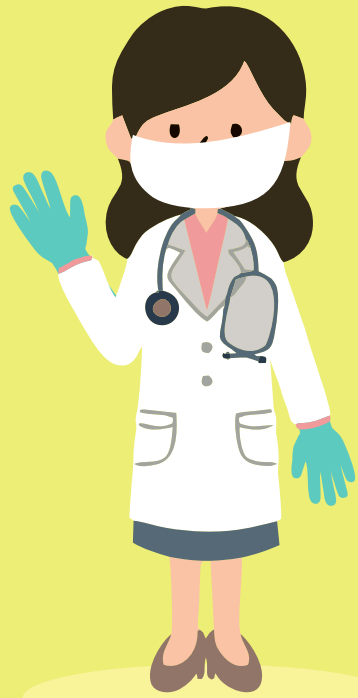




Khushi had a puzzled expression on her face, she looked at her mom and dad, and asked them, “Mummy, aunty is a **doctor** and uncle is a **policeman**, they are going out everyday, are they **safe**?”

“Yes, my dear, don't worry, they are taking all the **necessary precautions** so that the virus cannot touch them,” Mummy reassured her.





Daddy explained, “Yes children, there are many such people like the vegetable vendors, **the watchmen, the garbage collectors, the police, doctors, nurses, ward boys, street cleaners, pharmacists and many more** who are out there ensuring that we get our daily necessary items.

It is for them that we must stay at home and be healthy so that we can **defeat** this **virus** so that they also can stop worrying about it.”



“Yes, so because your teacher wants you to have **fun**, while you are **at home**, she has sent this wonderful planning and we are going to have fun doing all the activities that she has sent” said Mummy.

“And yes”, said daddy, “Your teacher has said that because many of these activities are to be done on the phone and computer, you must not spend more than **20 minutes on the screen**. So we will do a screen activity and one **physical activity** like **yoga** and **cooking**, ok?”

20 minutes



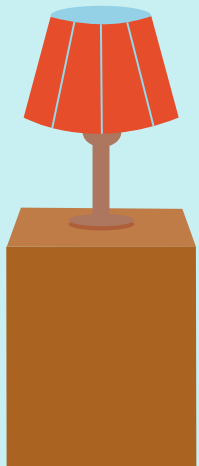
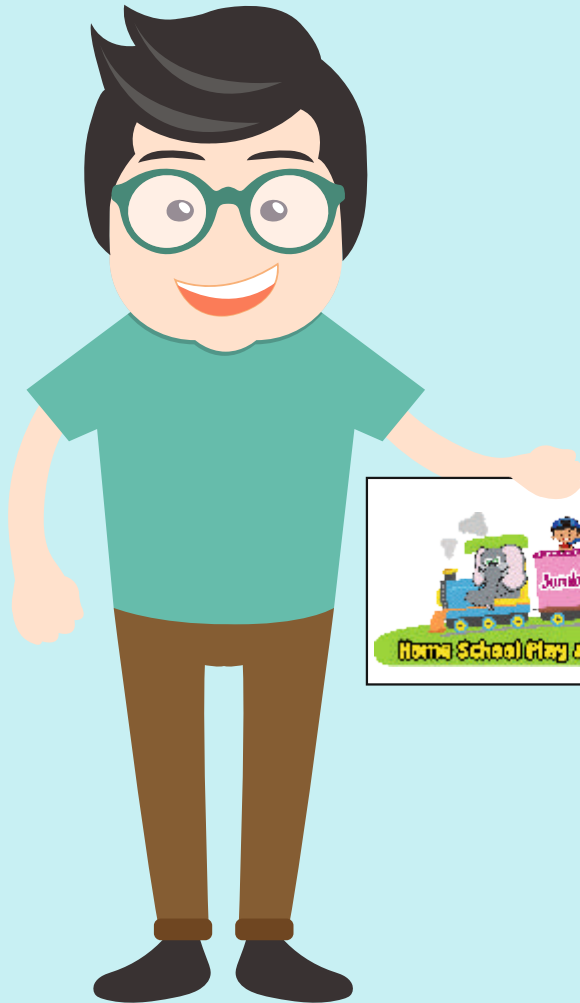


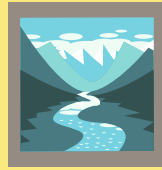
Nonu and Khushi jumped up and down and said,
“Yes, we will do all the activities sent by my teacher....but what will we call this school?”

“Which school dear?”, asked mummy

“This school at home”, replied Nonu.

Mummy and Daddy smiled and showed them a picture of Jumbo and he had in his hand a poster that said,
“Jumbo’s Play Engine - Home School Play and Learning Connection.”





Nonu and Khushi now look forward to the activities during **Teacher-Child Interaction, Parent-Child Interaction and Child Independent activities** as a part of 'Jumbo's Play Engine - Home School Play and Learning Connection.'

They enjoy meeting their teacher on the video phone and they both know that school will open soon and they will start enjoying going to **Podar Jumbo Kids...but till then it is Podar Jumbo Kids At Home!**





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