**My family life during lockdown**

As lockdown began, I could tell that everyone was frightened about what was going to happen. Children were frantically running to their parents, like they were sprinting away from a cyclops. At night, I kept waking up in a start, sweating, hoping it was all just a bad dream, but it wasn’t….

On the first day it was all a bit new and hectic. We turned on the news each morning hoping that this national paramedic had calmed down, but it hadn’t. My sisters and I’s sports had temporarily closed down and she had to do random exercises, however I had half an hour, 4 times a week of acrobatic gymnastics over zoom. Whenever we went to the shops, there was a huge line and we were only allowed a certain amount of some items as everyone wanted them. The cookies we made were rocks, (as we can’t bake) but the meals were fantastic.

Most nights were very cold and wet, but the ones that were boiling, my sister and I had water balloon fights. (But she won). Over zoom, we had quizzes with my family members and had the ultimate lockdown Olympics. This was something I created where our family (of 4 people) competed in a challenge every day, to win the prize of 100 pounds. I also made loads of board games which needed loads of improvements but were not too bad.

Meals were way more exciting as we played a couple rounds of Uno every night and recorded it down in a notebook. At the moment, my mum is winning, my dad is coming second, I’m coming third and my sister is fourth. We are planning to carry on our Uno game until Christmas and then the winner will get to choose our next holiday in 2021. I personally want to go to St Lucia again as it’s really hot and has amazing views.

My grandfather was cheeky as he kept driving to Buckingham from Coolham as he really wanted to move there. Eventually on the 13th of June, he moved and went to live with my 29 year old cousins. Now he has bought a much larger house.

My family and I loved to garden during lockdown and grew all types of vegetables from potatoes to pok-choy (a Chinese white cabbage). My dad and I also planted 5 oak trees in our tennis court but unfortunately, I have been forgetting to water them! We have been eating our broad beans and kohlrabi in our roast dinners and are extremely nice to eat.

As the deaths got higher in Mexico we were glad we had not gone on holiday there, as we would have caught Covid-19. I was really sad about not being able to go to Cancoon, but it was fun at home. After 2 months, I was invited back to school until the end of term. I was extremely happy as I hadn’t seen my friends for ages. And that was my life in lockdown.