This works remotely as well!

All of the suggested shared activities have been designed to work remotely, using Meet, Teams, etc. Teachers can choose either the original story, which progresses in tandem with the modules, or the easy-to-read version, which can be found in the material accompanying the first section. In addition to the This Works! Remotely pack, you should also take advantage of all of the material on the website as circumstances allow.

As it is more challenging to construct the moving machine alone at home, and finding materials will be more difficult, it may be impossible to build a moving machine. However, it would be an added bonus for those who are able to succeed remotely by themselves! The moving component of the machine can be implemented in a great many ways, and it’s a good idea to discuss exactly what a ‘moving machine’ means, as well as all the ways in which you can demonstrate that either the whole machine or part of it moves.

Preparation:

• Read the This Works! website and all of the material. If you want, you can also adapt all of the material on the website for use alongside this ready-made distance learning programme.
• Send the info letter and list of materials to parents/guardians via email. Remember to mention that, if there’s no tape, glue or similar to be found at home, they can always borrow some from the school!
• Get to know the characters and their backgrounds with the students. Tip: there’s a poster of the characters in the pack.
• Print a workbook for each student. Hand them out to the students when they fetch their textbooks and exercise books from school. You can also send the workbook to be printed at home (one page, double-sided A4).
• Choose how you’re going to document the process (for example, Powerpoint presentation, digital diary, photos on Drive). If necessary, students can keep project notebooks in which they can record the process using drawings. Tip: It pays to record the process digitally! You’ll also get a fun digital presentation to show at the Remote Gala.
• If possible, print and laminate the stick puppets so that you can also liven up the story during remote lessons. Tip: You can also glue the characters onto milk cartons of differing heights, so they will stay upright and won’t need to be laminated. Extra: You can also use these milk-carton characters to make a fun animation using a free app, such as Stop Motion!
• If possible, print the message in a bottle and put it inside a real bottle in time for the first module!
• Again, if possible, stick the poster on the wall or keep it close at hand during remote lessons. (Follow the students’ progress together by adding stickers to the path as you progress.)
• Extra exercise: Split the students into teams of 3 or 4. Students can work together remotely in these small groups to complete the assignments. The students in each team can also build their own machines together via a video connection. Tip: The students can come up with a name for their team!
• If you want, you can also share and follow posts by the This Works remotely! multidisciplinary learning programme on social media: #thisworksdistantly!