

stopped working to help them get through this difficult time.

Greta was unable to attend classes with her school-friends and no-one could convince her, so she didn't go to school for a year. She sat quietly on the couch at home. However, her parents' first concern was convincing her to start eating again.

Apart from going to doctors' appointments, there wasn't much for her to do to pass the time. The days dragged by in the Thunbergs' large timber house at the top of a hill, and her sadness refused to lift. Things changed the day Greta managed to open up.

She realised that by talking about her fears with her mum and dad she felt a bit better. Her parents were very alert to what was going on in the world around them. They believed that everyone had the right to live in peace.

Greta pointed out that they were right to be concerned about the human race, but they were forgetting one essential aspect: the environment people lived in. While they were worried about people fleeing wars,

they continued to travel, eat meat and drive big cars, and were therefore damaging the planet.

In the beginning, Svante and Malena Thunberg tried to reassure their daughter that everything would turn out for the best. However, while she liked sharing her ideas and being listened to, Greta knew perfectly well that problems don't just solve themselves, especially big ones like climate change.

Because she wasn't going to school, Greta had more time on her hands than before. She decided it would be a good idea to explain her point of view more clearly. Her mother and father listened to her and were happy to discuss environmental issues with her, but they had never really understood how serious the situation was. So Greta started showing them photos, statistics, graphs and other information.

She sat down with them on the sofa and showed them movies and documentaries. She gave them newspaper articles and reports written by respected journalists.

After being faced with this information, Mr and Mrs Thunberg were no longer only concerned about their