

**What's happening
in the news this week?**



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

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**Can toys help us
celebrate our
differences?**



Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



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This week's story looks at events related to ...





Read through the information below,
which explores the new range of toys produced by Mattel
that aim to reflect the diverse nature of people in the world.

Mattel's new inclusive dolls...

The company that makes Barbie and Ken dolls, Mattel, has announced that a new range of inclusive dolls is now available in shops.

The company would like to make its range of dolls more inclusive and ensure children from many different backgrounds and situations feel represented.

We are committed to continuing to introduce dolls featuring a range of skin tones, body types and disabilities to reflect the diversity kids see in the world around them.

It's important for kids to see themselves reflected in product and to encourage play with dolls that don't resemble them to help them understand and celebrate the importance of inclusion.

Lisa McKnight, executive vice president and global head of Barbie and Dolls, Mattel.



Pictured above: Mattel's new line of dolls include the first Ken doll with vitiligo, a Barbie doll with a prosthetic limb and another with a wheelchair.



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58,276 likes

rose.a.e

When @barbie told me they were bringing out a doll with a hearing aid, I was so excited.

When I was little, I would draw hearing aids onto my Barbie dolls to make them look like me - now deaf children don't have to!

To celebrate this moment of representation, I took part in a photoshoot along with models that also have some of the differences you now see in the Barbie line. I'm so happy that children can see even more inclusion in toys now. The Barbie with a hearing aid, Ken doll with vitiligo, Barbie with a prosthetic limb and Barbie in a wheelchair are available from today all over the UK.

I LOVE that @mattel is releasing more dolls that encourage kids to celebrate and embrace their differences!

Rose Ayling-Ellis sharing her thoughts about the new toy on her Instagram page.

Share your thoughts on the new dolls.

Resource
one



Look at the resource below, which shares some pictures of toys.



Ideas box



What we might learn from toys

- Naming and recognising colours
- Naming and recognising numbers
- Naming and recognising shapes
- Learning to take turns
- Learning about real-life jobs and activities
- Learning throwing and target skills
- Learning about other people
- Solving problems
- Being creative
e.g., producing art, writing or music

**Do you know what each of these toys are?
Have you ever played with any of them before? How do you use them?**



Look at the resource below, which shares examples of some ways people might celebrate our differences.

Learn about a religion.
Listen and show respect
to others sharing
their beliefs.



History museum



Encocado, a traditional dish from Colombia

Cook a meal from different
countries or cultures.

Visit a museum
or exhibition.

Learn another language
e.g., Spanish, Mandarin,
British Sign Language.

Watch or take part in a
range of different sports
e.g., goalball, capoeira.

Visit a place you have never
been before or use books
and the internet to find out
about somewhere else in
the world.

Make a list of things that
you like about yourself and
what makes you special and
unique. Share the list with
someone else.



Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian sport that combines
elements of martial arts, music and dance.



A collage of flags

Listen to music from different
countries or cultures.

Spend time listening to
someone share their
interests and learning about
the things they enjoy.

Volunteer for a charity that
helps others or help the
charity raise awareness.

**Have you ever celebrated differences before?
Can you think of any other ways to celebrate our differences?**



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Reflection



Celebrating our differences can help to unite and educate us. It can give us the chance to understand and support those who are different from us.





**British
Values**



Mutual Respect & Tolerance

Every single person in our world is different. We can learn about and celebrate our differences, which can help us to respect and value one another.





UN Rights of a Child



We all have rights no matter who we are, where we live, what language we speak, what our religion is, what we think, what we look like, if we're a boy or a girl, if we have a disability, if we are rich or poor, who our parents and families are and what they believe or do. We should never be treated unfairly for any reason.



Useful vocabulary



Contestant

A person who takes part in a competition or contest.

Rose was the first ever deaf **contestant** on the show, who went on to win with her partner.

Diverse

Including many different types of people.

The toys aim to reflect the **diverse** nature of people in the world.

Reflect

To show, express, represent or be a sign of something.

Do you think it's important to have toys and dolls that **reflect** how we look?

Unite

To join together as a group.

Celebrating our differences can help to **unite** and educate us.

Unveil

Show or announce something publicly for the first time.

Strictly Come Dancing star, Rose Ayling-Ellis, has teamed up with Barbie to **unveil** their first doll with behind-the-ear hearing aids.

Vitiligo

A long-term condition which causes patches of skin to lose pigment or colour.

...which includes the first Ken doll with **vitiligo**, a Barbie doll with a prosthetic limb and another with a wheelchair.

Can you use them in your writing this week?



Pictured: The new Asian elephant calf with its mother Donna.

Source: ZSL Whipsnade Zoo @ZSLWhipsnadeZoo Twitter page.



Baby elephant steps

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo in Bedfordshire has published a recording, captured on hidden cameras, of an endangered Asian elephant taking its first, slightly wobbly steps, just hours after being born. The Zoo tweeted to announce the calf's arrival, "The not-so-tiny infant was born to mum Donna at around 7am on Monday, surrounded by the rest of the females in the herd, including her own mum Kaylee – who provided reassurance and support with gentle trunk nudges and

murmurs." Visitors to the zoo can see the little elephant with the rest of her herd at the Centre for Elephant Care. Deputy team leader of elephants at the UK's largest zoo, Mark Howes, said, "To say we're delighted by the arrival of this calf is just a huge understatement. This little infant is a really important addition to the European-wide endangered species breeding programme for Asian elephants."

Quadri-dextrous artist

Rajacenna Van Dam, a talented Dutch artist, uses both feet and hands at the same time to create six realistic portraits upside down! Rajacenna, who describes herself as an international ambidextrous hyper photorealistic pencil drawing artist, said, "In 2019 the idea came to me to be more productive because I didn't make any artworks for the previous years due to health issues. I didn't practice it at all and just started doing it." The quadri-dextrous

internet sensation from Rotterdam created photo-like portraits of Bella Poarch, Harry Potter, Billie Eilish, Wonder Woman, Shakira, and Angelina Jolie in her video. The incredibly technical pieces of artwork can take up to 40 hours to complete. She comments that she prefers to draw people that she loves and that inspire her and has also created an online tutorial, which demonstrates how others can learn to draw with both their hands.

Pictured: Rajacenna using both feet and hands to create six realistic portraits upside down.
Source: Rajacenna @Rajacenna Twitter page.



Edinburgh Fringe's funniest joke!

"I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop, but the female guard saw me, and I couldn't get pasta."

Comedian Masai Graham, who is well known for his one-liner jokes, has been presented with the award for telling the funniest joke at this year's Edinburgh Fringe festival! This is the second time that he has won the title - he was also victorious in 2016. The Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe accolade is voted for by

2,000 members of the public, after comedy critics have attended hundreds of shows and created a shortlist of what they believe to be the funniest jokes. The voters are not informed who told the jokes. In reaction to his win the comedian said, "I was so delighted to find out I'd won the Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe award for a second time - I thought: This is getting pasta joke."

Let us know if you have a favourite joke!



Pictured: Masai Graham with The Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe award in Edinburgh.
Source: Lesley Martin Photography @lesleypix Twitter page.

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Last week's topic:

Should there be more rules for trampolines?



Common sense is what matters. If you go to someone's house and they don't have a net, you shouldn't use it.

Mary - Age 11

I think they don't need rules because we don't have rules for other things.

Geoff - Age 7


I think they are safe. I think there are dangers in everything we do. People need to make their own choices.

Gerty - Age 10

No, accidents happen whatever you do. Especially with children.

Jennifer and Al - Age 8

Let us know what you think about this week's news?

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Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about your favourite toy. What is it and why do you like it?
- Share your thoughts on the new range of dolls. Why do you think the company chose to make these dolls?
- How do you think Rose Ayling-Ellis might have felt when she learned about the new doll with hearing aids?
- Can you think of any other toys that could be made to help people feel included?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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