

# 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?**





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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?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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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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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?**





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



# 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.







# 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.

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## Diverse

Including many different types of people.

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## Reflect

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...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?

## Picture News



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- Look at this week's poster. Does anyone know who is on the poster? It is actress and Strictly Come Dancing contestant Rose Ayling-Ellis. Rose was the first ever deaf contestant on the show, who went on to win with her partner. What do you think the news story could be about?
- Read the information found on the assembly resource, which explores the new range of toys produced by Mattel. The toys aim to reflect the diverse nature of people in the world. Share your thoughts on the new dolls.
- Watch this week's useful video and talk about Rose's response to the new Barbie. Discuss the reasons why she believes it's very important to have toys that show our differences.
- Talk through some of our similarities and differences. Do you think it's important to have toys and dolls that reflect how we look? Can you think of any other toys or dolls that show and help celebrate our differences?
- Do you think it's important to celebrate our differences? Why?

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## Picture News



### KS1 focus

#### What are some of the toys we can learn from?



- Think about some of the toys you play with at home or at school. Which are your favourite toys? Why? Are there any toys you do not enjoy playing with? Do you enjoy sharing toys with others or do you prefer to play alone?
- There are many different toys we can play with. Some toys can help us learn something. Can you think of any toys that help you learn?
- Look at resource 1, which shares some pictures of toys. Do you know what each of these toys are? Have you ever played with any of them before? How do you use them?
- For each toy on resource 1, think about what you might learn from it. You can use the ideas box to help you or create your own!
- Think about some of the toys that might help us learn about real-life jobs or activities e.g., shopping sets, role-play toys, toy money, tool sets. Do you have any of these toys in your classroom? Do you like taking part in role-play?
- Do you think we can learn something from all our toys or do some toys not teach us anything?
- Sometimes the way we play with a toy might affect what we can learn from it e.g., playing with a toy car with a friend might teach us to take turns and pushing the toy car and seeing how far it goes might teach us about length (we could even measure how far!). Can you think of any other different ways we could play with a toy car that might help us learn?

### Reflection

We can play with toys at home or school. Toys can help us learn and teach us about real-life jobs, activities and all the different people in our world too.

## Picture News



### KS2 focus

#### How else can we celebrate our differences?



- There are over 7 billion people in our world with no two being the same! Can you think of how people are different from one another? E.g., the way we look, how we behave, our personalities, our beliefs.
- There are many ways we can celebrate our differences. Using a dictionary, look up the definition of 'celebrate'. What do you think 'celebrate our differences' means?
- Look at resource 2, which shares examples of some of the ways people might celebrate our differences. Have you ever celebrated differences before? Can you think of any other ways to celebrate our differences?
- Are there any celebration examples on resource 2 that you think you would particularly enjoy doing? Why?
- Our differences, and what makes every single person unique and special, are worth celebrating. Why do you think we should celebrate differences? How can celebrating our differences help us? E.g., help us to respect and value others, removes fear or uncertainty, can reduce stereotyping, can give people a sense of belonging, can make us more understanding.
- Spend some time celebrating the differences of people in your class. You could find out about each other's interests, beliefs, family etc. Tell someone what you like about them and share something you like about yourself too!

### Reflection

There are over 7 billion people in our world and every single one is different; this is certainly worth celebrating!



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### KS2 follow-up ideas

#### Option 1

We can celebrate our differences by learning more about people living in our world. Choose one of the following or use some of the ideas from resource 2:

- Find out about a traditional meal eaten somewhere in the world. Record the recipe and if possible, you could try and make it.
- Listen to music from different cultures or countries. Perhaps you could choreograph a dance to one you particularly enjoy.
- Find out about some of the events at the Paralympics. Which event do you think you would enjoy taking part in?
- Explore traditional clothing worn by people around the world. Which is your favourite?

#### Option 2

Share some of your differences. Sometimes when people do not learn about, understand or respect each other's differences, it can lead to unkindness, exclusion and discrimination.

- What is discrimination?

Use this opportunity to recap the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. It is against the law to discriminate against someone because of a protected characteristic.

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### KS1 follow-up ideas

#### Option 1

Explore how dolls have changed over time.

Think about:

- What dolls or people toys do children play with now?
- Can you find out what dolls adults in school or at home had when they were younger?

If possible, find some images of dolls from the past or you may even find adults at home or in your local community may still have some they will show you or bring into school for you to look at. Compare the dolls.

Think about:

- What are they made from?
- What are their clothes like?
- What size are they?
- Which dolls do you like best? Why?

#### Option 2

Think about your favourite toy.

- What is it?
- What does it look like?
- What does it sound like?
- What does it feel like?
- How does it work? How do you play with it?
- Why do you like it?

Use pictures, words and/or sentences to describe your toy. Share it with others in your class.

- Does everyone have the same favourite toy?

Remember we are all different so we all like different things too. We can celebrate our differences by sharing them with each other.

## Picture News



### This week's useful websites

#### This week's news story

<https://bit.ly/3CcAHom>

#### This week's useful video

Rose Ayling-Ellis unveiling the first Barbie doll with hearing aids.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Dd1Dq\\_fill](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Dd1Dq_fill)

#### This week's virtual picture news

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**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.

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# 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 @lesleymplix 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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# TAKEHOME



## Can toys help us celebrate our differences?



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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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