

# What's happening in the news this week?



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

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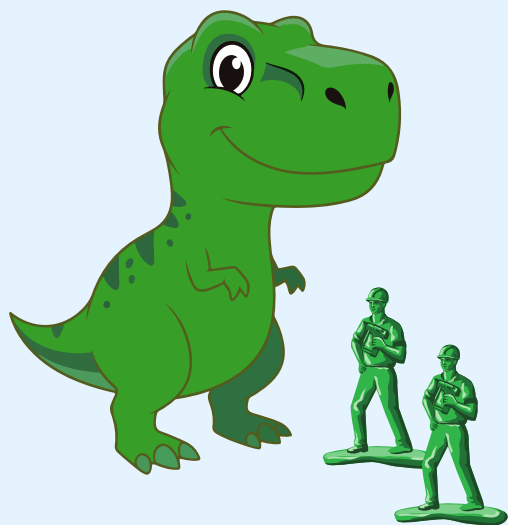
# Is technology changing childhood?





## Let's look at this week's story

Filmmaker, Pixar, has shared that the new Toy Story 5 film will explore how children are spending more time using screens and digital technology. In the story, the toys worry that tablets, video games, and other devices are becoming more popular than traditional toys. The film has highlighted conversations about how childhood and play are changing.



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?



## sad

despondent  
disconsolate  
dismal  
doleful  
downhearted  
forlorn  
gloomy  
melancholic  
miserable  
woeful  
wretched

## angry

aggrieved  
annoyed  
discontented  
disgruntled  
distressed  
exasperated  
frustrated  
indignant  
offended  
outraged  
resentful  
vexed

## happy

beaming  
buoyant  
cheery  
contented  
delighted  
enraptured  
gleeful  
glowing  
joyful

## confused

addled  
baffled  
bemused  
bewildered  
disorientated  
indistinct  
muddled  
mystified  
perplexed  
puzzled

## excited

animated  
elevated  
enlivened  
enthusiastic  
exhilarated  
exuberant  
thrilled

## worried

agitated  
anxious  
apprehensive  
concerned  
disquieted  
distraught  
distressed  
disturbed  
fretful  
perturbed  
troubled  
uneasy

## overwhelmed

engulfed  
inundated  
overburdened  
overloaded  
saturated  
submerged  
swamped

## afraid

alarmed  
apprehensive  
daunted  
fearful  
frantic  
horrified  
petrified  
terrified

## guilty

ashamed  
compunctious  
contrite  
culpable  
penitent  
responsible  
rueful

## jealous

bitter  
covetous  
desirous  
envious  
envying  
resentful  
wary

## thankful

appreciative  
grateful  
gratified  
indebted  
obliged  
relieved

## shocked

astonished  
astounded  
disconcerted  
distressed  
dumbfounded  
horrified  
staggered  
startled  
stunned  
surprised

## disgusted

affronted  
appalled  
horrified  
repelled  
repulsed  
revolted  
sickened

## inspired

activated  
encouraged  
exhilarated  
galvanised  
influenced  
motivated

## embarrassed

ashamed  
awkward  
chagrined  
demeaned  
discomposd  
humiliated  
self-conscious  
uncomfortable  
uneasy  
unsettled

## interested

absorbed  
captivated  
curious  
engaged  
enthralled  
fascinated  
gripped  
intrigued  
riveted

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



The headquarters of  
Pixar Animation Studios  
is in California.





# Is technology changing childhood?





Look at the resource below, which shows the timeline of how toys have changed over the years.

1950s



I liked to play with wooden blocks, rocking horses, dolls and small toy cars.

1980s



I played with dolls, toy kitchens, board games, slinkys and puzzle toys like a Rubik's Cube.

2000s



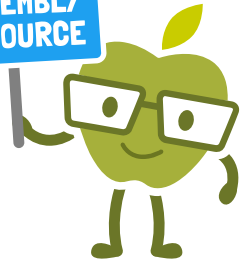
I played with dolls, handheld games, virtual pet toys and small collectible toys.

2020s



I like playing video games on my tablet. I also enjoy playing with slime, air clay and construction toys with my family.

**Which toys from the past or today would you like to play with? Why?**



Read the information below, which provides more information about Toy Story 5 and the characters. Which might be your favourite? Why?

## TOY STORY 5

In the new Toy Story 5 film, the toys are worried that children are spending more time using screens and technology. Tablets, video games, and other digital devices are becoming a bigger part of many children's lives. Woody, Buzz, and the other toys want to stay important to the children they belong to, but they now face competition from technology and digital entertainment.



### Jessie

Jessie is an energetic cowgirl toy, who enjoys excitement and adventure. She is brave, enthusiastic, and always ready to help her friends.



### Lily Pad

Lily Pad is modern and clever. Her digital features make her very different from traditional toys like Woody and Buzz. Her arrival causes the toys to wonder whether children still play with toys in the same way as before.

### Woody



Woody is a cowboy toy, who cares deeply about his friends. He is loyal, brave, and always tries to help others. Woody often reminds the toys about the importance of friendship and teamwork.

### Buzz Lightyear

Buzz Lightyear is a space ranger toy, who loves adventure. He is confident, determined, and enjoys solving problems. Buzz and Woody are close friends, even though they sometimes see things differently.



Pictured left and above: The Toy Story characters. Source: Disney Media



Look at the resource below, which shares other films that include important messages.

Up



**Summary:** Carl is an elderly man who sets off on an adventure by tying thousands of balloons to his house. During his journey, he meets a young scout called Russell and the two form an unlikely friendship.

**Message:** Friendship can be found in unexpected places. The film shows that it is never too late to try something new, make new friends, and enjoy new experiences.

Finding Nemo



**Summary:** When Nemo becomes separated from his father, Marlin, a journey across the ocean begins to bring them back together.

**Message:** Family, trust, and perseverance can help people overcome challenges. The story reminds us that people sometimes need to learn to trust others and believe in their abilities.

WALL-E

**Summary:** WALL-E is a small robot who spends his days cleaning up a future Earth that has become covered in rubbish. When he meets another robot called EVE, their journey leads to an important mission.

**Message:** Looking after the environment is everyone's responsibility! The film encourages people to think about the choices they make and how these decisions can affect the planet.



Inside Out

**Summary:** Riley is a young girl going through big changes in her life. Inside her mind, emotions such as Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust help guide her through these experiences.

**Message:** All emotions are important and it is okay to share how you feel. The film shows that feeling sad, worried, or upset can be just as important as feeling happy!



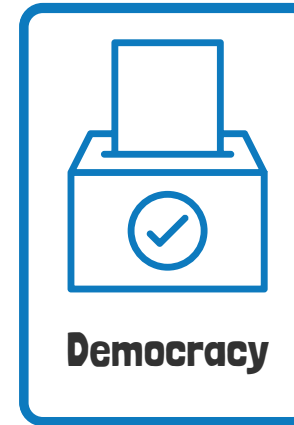
Source: AI-generated image showing characters inspired by Inside Out.

Has a film ever taught you something important? What was it?

# British Values



**I Really Do Matter!**



**Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?**



This week's story highlights **Individual Liberty**. Playing gives us the freedom to make our own choices, follow our own ideas, and express ourselves.

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance** is shown because, just like the characters in Toy Story, playing together helps us learn to respect one another and treat people with kindness.



**Do you agree with either person, or think something different?**

# Protected Characteristics



Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?



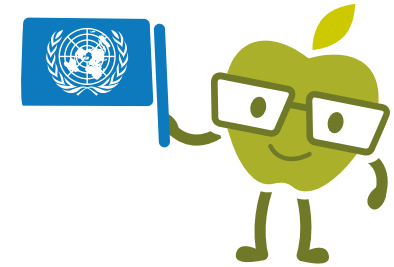
This story focuses on the protected characteristic of **age**. Toy Story 5 reminds everyone about the importance of play when growing up.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?





# UN Rights of the Child



Every child has the right to play and relax. Toy Story 5 highlights this by asking whether technology allows children to use their imagination as fully as physical play does.



# Reflection



Technology can change the way people play and spend their time. While screens can be fun and useful, things like imagination, creativity, and spending time together are still important parts of childhood.

