

The Flourish Federation—Knowledge Organiser

Brookfield Infant and Junior Schools



Focus: *History*

Changes within living memory: Toys.

Year 2

Term 2

What? (Key Knowledge)

- How long have toys existed?

Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.

- What were toys made of during the Victorian age?

Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.

- What toys did Victorian children play with?

Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls. Poorer children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed sawdust to make balls or toy animals.

- What are toys made of?

Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer, easier to clean, quicker to mass produce.

- When were the first toys ever found?

Earliest toys were dolls. The oldest ones were found nearly 4,500 years ago. However, some people think that rattles could also be the oldest toy.

What? (Key Vocabulary)

Spelling	Definition
Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837–1901.
20th Century	The 20th Century was 1900-1999.
21st Century	We are in the 21st century. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.
Wooden toys	Lots of toys were made of wood. Boats, train sets and cup and ball were all made of wood.
Paper toys	Some toys, like paper windmills were made out of paper.
Metal toys	Most modern toys are made of plastic. Toy soldiers, dolls and ride-on cars are usually made of plastic.
Chronological order	Events being placed in time order from oldest to newest.
Computer	A computer is an electronic device that works with information. The information can be numbers, words, pictures, movies, sounds or games.
Mass production	Machines that make lots and lots of toys that are all exactly the same, much quicker than humans.
Man-made/hand-made	Something that is made by a human, usually delicately and carefully.

Possible Writing Links

- Teddy Robber: MISSING poster using chalk drawn teddies, watercolour teddies.
- Teddy Robber: Giant's Perspective.
- Alma In the Toy Shop: Setting Description
- Stanley's Stick: using our imagination to create our own stick toys.
- Letter writing: dear future child. Explaining what our toys are like now.

Experiences/Wow Moments

- Toys - Immersion Day.
- Creating and designing our own toy for our brother, sister or other family member.
- Missing Poster for The Teddy Robber.
- Time capsule in classroom—children to write a letter to their future child explaining what toys are like now.

When? (Timeline of Key Events)

19th Century Toys	Wooden dolls, wooden doll houses, tea sets, ball and cup, spinning top, toy soldiers, leather footballs.
Victorian Toys	Rocking horses, wooden boats, peg dolls, toy soldiers, dolls.
20th Century	Teddy bears, Barbie dolls, Action Man, electronic toys, computers, games consoles.
Early 20th Century Toys	Monopoly, Mr. Potato Head, Etch-A-Sketch
21st Century	Handheld games, computers, tablets, virtual reality.



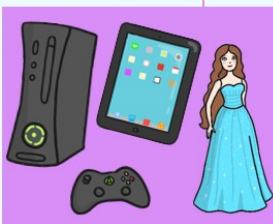
Victorian Toys

Early 20th Century Toys

Grandparents' Toys

Parents' Toys

Your Toys



ICT Opportunities

[Childhood through time - KS1 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

[History of toys for KS1 and KS2 children | The-SchoolRun](#)

https://downloads.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/victorians_games.pdf

PurpleMash—Design and create your own toy.

Cross-Curricular Links

- Maths: Children sort and classify the toys provided using Venn diagrams or Carroll diagrams.
- D&T: Making their own traditional toys based on historical evidence.
- PE: Playing different games from then and now. Comparing what is the same/different.
- Science: Materials. How toys need to be constructed including forces. Push, pull, twist, turn.
- Art: sketching skills to draw our own teddy bears from home.
- PSHE: Game playing together.

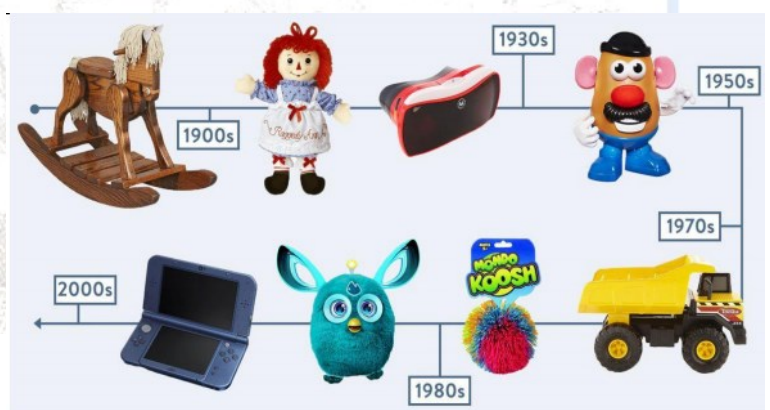
Visuals



The earliest toys were dolls. The oldest one is nearly 4,500 years old.



Some people think this rattle found in Turkey is older.



Tick one.		
Question: Toys a long time ago were made by:	Start of unit	End of unit
Men and women who decorated them by hand		
Machines that made thousands of toys at once.		
Santa Claus in his workshop at the North Pole.		

Complete with 1, 2, 3 or 4.		
Question: Put these toys in order of oldest to newest. (1—oldest, 4—newest)	Start of unit	End of unit
Victorian toys		
My grandparents' toys		
My toys		
My parents' toys		

Write T /True or F /False		
Question: Old toys and new toys are different because	Start of unit	End of unit
New toys need to pass safety tests.		
Old toys all looked slightly different because they were handmade.		
Old toys used to be powered by batteries.		
Machines made it easier and quicker for new toys to be made.		

Tick two		
Question: Materials that toys were made out of changed because...	Start of unit	End of unit
Glass wasn't a safe material for children to play with.		
The string used to pull along toys kept snapping.		
Plastic is easier to clean for parents after children play with toys.		
Children really wanted to have softer toys.		