

Class 2 Spring Term Knowledge Organiser

A Step into the Past: Toys Through Time

The main differences between toys from the past and toys now are:

- what they are made from
- how they move
- how & where they are made
- how safe they are
- how interactive they are

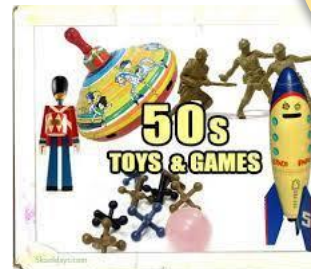
Key Vocabulary

artefact	an actual object from the past	invented	designed and created
available	easy to get hold of	manufactured	made or built by machines
electronic	works using electricity	material	what something is made from
environmental	nature & the world around us	museum	a building where artefacts are kept
digital	uses computer technology	product	something designed with a purpose



Victorian toys were mostly made by hand and were made of wood, metal or cloth. They were not very colourful.

After the war ended in the 1940s, plastic became widely available and families had more money. Toys were made in other countries and sold to Britain.



In the early 20th century, toys started to become more colourful as they could be made in factories. Most British toys were made in the UK.



The internet was invented in the late 20th century, so many toys became digital. Lots ran on batteries. Toys were based on TV and films, as most homes had a TV.

Modern day toys have lots more parts and move in different ways. Many children now play computer games and lots of old toys are being re-released, like Star Wars and Uno.

1800s	1902	1903	1949	1959	1983	1989	2001	2006	2016	2020
Toy soldiers	Teddy bears	Wax crayons	Lego blocks	Barbie doll	Polly Pocket	Gameboy	Bratz dolls	Nintendo Wii	Hatchimals	Nintendo Switch

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Q1. How long ago was the first toy invented?	Start	End
About 4,000 years ago		
Twenty years ago		
During the Victorian times		

Q2. When was the 20 th Century?	Start	End
1700 – 1799		
1800 – 1899		
1900 – 1999		

Q3a) Tick the toy that was invented after the war (1950s)	Start	End
Lego building blocks		
the rocking horse		
b) How do you know?		
Start		
End		

Q4. How are modern day toys different to toys that were invented before the 21 st century?		
Start		
End		

Q5. Which toy was one of the first to be invented?	Start	End
a doll		
games console		
remote-controlled car		

Q6. How can you tell how old a toy is?	Start	End
how it moves		
what it is made from		
the colour of it		

Q7. What were toys mostly made from, before the war?	Start	End
wood, metal and cloth		
plastic, metal and wood		
metal, plastic and rubber		

Q8. Where can people go to find out more about the past?	Start	End
restaurants		
shops		
museums		