



Y1-Knowledge Organiser –The History of Toys

Key Facts

- **What is History?**
- History is the study of the past. The study of history helps make sense of humankind. It also helps people understand the things that happen today and that may happen in the future.
- We can look at all sorts of things in history, but we can start with finding out when we were born. The date and year. We can also look at when our teachers were born too! Then think about other historical events, like the Corona Virus Pandemic starting in 2020.
- **The History of Toys.**
- Toys are the objects that we play with. They can be anything from a cardboard box to porcelain dolls and powerful computers.
- Children have always played with toys, whether they were born 2000 years ago or earlier this year. Toys have changed over the years in the way they looked and what they were made from. Even the same toys, such as dolls, look different today than those from ancient Rome.
- Looking at what a toy is made from can help work out how old it is. Just because a toy moves does not mean that it is modern. Moving toys can have wheels, hinges and cogs instead of batteries. The earliest clockwork toy was made more than 250 years ago.
- The teddy bear was named after an American president, Teddy Roosevelt. The first teddy bears were made in America in 1902 and in Germany in 1903. The two makers did not know that they were making the bears because the countries are so far apart!

Key Vocabulary

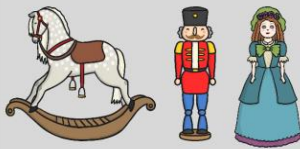
- **cloth**-woven or felted fabric made from wool, cotton or manmade fibres.
- **machine**-something that uses mechanical power and having several parts each with a function.
- **materials**-wood, plastic, metal and glass are just some of the materials we use to make the things around us.
- **mechanical**-operated by a machine.
- **modern**-relating to the present or recent times.
- **old**-belonging to the past.
- **plastic**-a material that can change its shape. Many things are made of plastic because making them the right shape is easy.
- **Victorian**- if something or someone is Victorian, they are from the era that is named after Queen Victoria, who was the queen from 1837-1901.
- **Wood**- a hard substance found in the trunk and branches of trees and shrubs.

Victorian Toys



Very, very old toys.

Children from rich Victorian families played with toys such as rocking horses, toys soldiers and dolls.



Children from poor Victorian families played with toys such as wooden boats and peg dolls or bought cheap toys from the market.



In many homes the only toy children were allowed to play with on Sundays was Noah's Ark because it was related to the bible.



Victorian children enjoyed playing outside. They played games like football or hoop rolling.



Old Teddy Bear

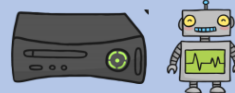


General appearance: lifelike

Old toys were often made of wood.



Modern (new) toys are often made of plastic.



Old toys were mechanical or moved by hand.



Modern toys use batteries.



Old toys were usually made by hand.



Modern (new) toys are usually made by machines.



Timeline of Toys

Victorian Toys		
Early 20 th century toys		
Grandparents' Toys		
Parents' Toys		
Your Toys		

