

Toys That Time Forgot

Term 2 - History

Prior Knowledge/Key Knowledge

EYFS
Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. Know that there are similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions. Comment on images of familiar situations in the past. Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now.

When were toys invented?
Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of materials which were available at the time. Anything could be used to make a toy such as stones, old bits of metal, wood and old bits of material.

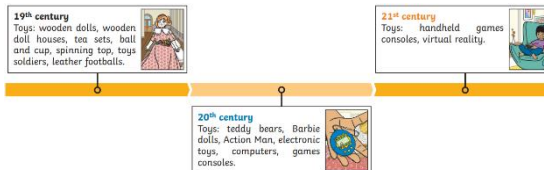
Modern toys
Are very different to toys of the past. They can be made of various materials but plastic is popular because it is safer and easier to make things with.

Comparing toys in the past to the present
Nowadays we have electricity. Toys can work with batteries but many games are now electronic computer or console games.

Key Skills

Use historical resources and evidence
Ask a range of questions using a range of historical sources. State reasons for how the past can impact on their lives now. Discuss similarities and differences within the topic of toys.

Toy Features



Vocabulary

Wooden toys
Many toys were made from wood in the past (cup and ball) and it is still a popular material today e.g. boats, train sets, dolls house.

Paper toys
In the past, toys were made from paper such as dolls, windmills and books.

Metal toys
Many toys were made with metal such as soldiers, spinning tops and cars. Metal is sharp and can be dangerous so not so many toys are now made with it.

Plastic toys
Many modern toys are made with plastic because it is a safer material for younger children. It is light weight so it is good for all kinds of toy designs.

Key terms
Old – belongs to the past
New – made or used for the first time
Past – gone by in time, no longer exists
Present – exists or is happening now
Mechanical – operated by a machine.

Big Questions/Challenging Perceptions



Create a list of questions in order to ask your parents and grandparents about their toys.
If you were a child in the past, which toys do you think you would like to play with and why?
Design and create a toy of the future. Explain how it will be different and what special features it might have.