

Knowledge about Toys from the Past

- Toys have changed over time.
- The toys that our Grandparents and parents played with are different from the toys that children play with now.
- We live in the present and anything previous is in the past. Something remembered from the past is called a memory.
- Historically, toys were made from wood and metal. Some toys were made from China.
- Older toys were simple in design and toys with moving parts were generally mechanical. You had to move a part of a toy to make another part move. Some toys might have used a clockwork mechanism.
- Historically, toys were generally hand crafted. There was less money and there were smaller, individual craft shops in towns, rather than larger commercialised shops.
- Modern toys are generally made of plastic. Plastic was not invented until 1907 and began being used for toys in the 1950s.
- Plastic is cheaper to make and is safer for children to use. It can be made in factories and mass produced.
- Now we have electricity. Many modern toys are electrical and can move when you turn them on. They might use batteries or mains power.
- Some toys from the present day are similar to toys from the past. The materials of the toys and the design of them, can give clues as to which period they came from and who might have played with them.
- By using information gathered, it is possible to sequence toys chronologically.
- Some toys have been around for a very long time and are still played with now.

Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Tier 1	
<input type="checkbox"/> Change	An act or process through which something becomes different.
<input type="checkbox"/> Compare	To look at and discuss more than 1 item at once.
<input type="checkbox"/> Difference	A point or way in which people or things are dissimilar.
<input type="checkbox"/> Past	Gone by in time and no longer existing.
<input type="checkbox"/> Present	Existing or occurring now.
<input type="checkbox"/> Similar	Having a resemblance in appearance, character, or quantity, without being identical.
Tier 2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronological	A record of events following the order in which they occurred.
<input type="checkbox"/> Clockwork	A mechanism with a spring and toothed gearwheels, used to drive a mechanical clock, a toy, or other device.
<input type="checkbox"/> Memory	Something remembered from the past.
<input type="checkbox"/> Modern	Relating to the present or recent times as opposed to the remote past.
<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited.
Tier 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> President	The elected head government in countries with a presidential political system.

Memorable Moments

Experience and explore a range of toys during an Educational Visit to The Museum of Cannock Chase.

Y1 Toys Through the Years



Knowledge about a Significant Individual

- Teddy bears were invented by a man called Morris Michtom.
- Morris Michtom was a Jewish immigrant who lived in America.
- Morris Michtom was a sweet shop owner in Brooklyn.
- Morris Michtom was inspired by the story of President Theodore Roosevelt's refusal to shoot a bear and created a stuffed bear.
- The bear was sent to Roosevelt and Michtom asked if it could be called 'Teddy'. This was 1902.
- In Germany, Steiff also created a stuffed bear which became the teddy bear in 1906.

Reading Texts

Lost in the Toy Museum by David Lucas
Toys in Space by Mimi Gray
Christmas at the Toy Museum by David Lucas
Old Bear by Jane Hissey
Paddington by Michael Bond
All Kinds of Toys by Roderick Hunt

Links

EYFS – Grandparents and Parents
 Y5 – Victorian toys

History Themes

