

History Subject Knowledge Bank

Year 1: Toys in the past

<u>Vocabulary</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Evidence	Information about the past
Source	Where information from the past comes from
Timeline	Putting events in order depending on when they happened.
Past	Has happened
Compare	What is the same and what is different
Week/years ago	A period of time in the past
Old/older/oldest	Belonging to the past
Here/now/then	Words about the past
Artefacts	An object from the past

How have toys changed?

- Toys have changed over time. Some have changed significantly while others barely at all.
- Toys are made of different materials. The material(s) a toy is made from can help us to know how old the toy is.

Rich children and poor children

- Older toys are usually made from wood, metal and paper. Most were handmade.
- Children from rich families played with rocking horses and dolls that were made out of expensive materials.
- Children from poorer families played with toys that were usually homemade.
- Children who lived during the First and Second World Wars enjoyed playing outside.
- Some toys, like teddies, have hardly changed over time.



Figure 1 - Tuk Tuk

Figure 2 - Hand held spinning top

What about modern toys?

- Modern toys are usually made from plastic and fabric and are produced in factories.
- Technological advances have made modern toys more interactive e.g. talking toys, consoles, tablets. This has affected the ways in which children play.
- Modern toys are much safer than toys from the past as they have to pass toy safety tests.
- There are many similarities and differences between old and new toys - this can be down to how they move and what they are made from.

