

Knowledge Organiser – Toys Through Time

Key Knowledge

- Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
- During the Victorian age toys were mainly made from wood, paper and metal.
- Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls. Poorer children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals.
- Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.
- Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th Century.



Vocabulary

- **Modern** - of the present or recent times
- **Century** – 100 years
- **The 20th Century** – the years from 1900 – 1999
- **The 21st Century** – We are in the 21st Century, 2000 – 2099
- **Plastic** – Plastic is a kind of material that is made by people and can be formed into almost any shape. Most plastics are strong, long-lasting, and lightweight. Most modern toys are made of plastic
- **Metal** - Metals are minerals like iron or lead that are found underground in rocks. Many toys are metal as they can be strong and made into different shapes.
- **Fabric** – made of cloth

19th century

Toys: wooden dolls, wooden doll houses, tea sets, ball and cup, spinning top, toys soldiers, leather footballs.



21st century

Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.



20th century

Toys: teddy bears, Barbie dolls, Action Man, electronic toys, computers, games consoles.

