

Knowledge Organiser—Year 1

How have toys changed over time?

Vocabulary

old and new—toys belonging to the past and toys invented more recently

then and now—before and after

modern—toys in the present or recent times

a long time ago—far in the past

chronological order—arranged in the order that it happened

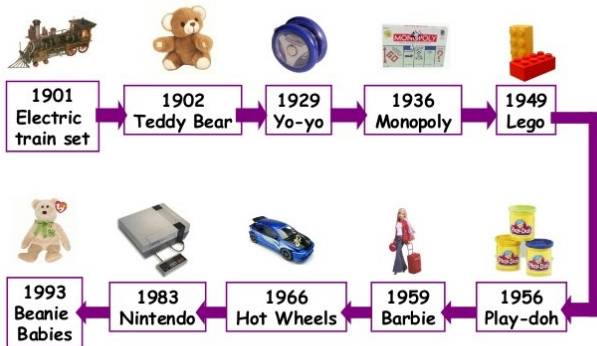
past—time before now, before the present

artefact—an object made by a human being and is of historical interest

batteries—a source of power to make toys move

timeline—a line to show a period of time, important events are marked on

Here is a timeline of when some popular toys were invented.



old toys

new toys

Key facts

Children from all cultures and backgrounds love to play with toys. Over time, types and styles of toys have changed.

Dolls' houses were often handmade for wealthy adults and given to children as gifts.



Toys in the past were mostly made from metal or wood. Toys were kept for many years and given to younger children being reused lots of times.

Modern toys, played with today, are often made from plastic. Toys today are regularly thrown away and new ones bought as replacements. It is important to recycle toys if they are made from plastic.

Teddy bears were invented over 100 years ago. They are named after the US President Theodore Roosevelt. He saved a bear cub from hunters and newspapers printed the story. Soon toy makers made 'teddy bears'.

Toys are made of many different materials. The materials that toys are made from can help us to know how old the toy is.



When your parents and grandparents were young, children played outside a lot of the time.

They made up games, climbed trees and played sports. There are lots of similarities between the toys you play with now and toys from the past.

The most famous and successful doll in the world is the Barbie doll. It was invented in 1959.



The battery, followed by the computer micro-chip have revolutionised children's toys. From the early battery operated train sets to the modern day consoles and tablet apps, technology now dominates children's playtime.

