



Year 1 History Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term 2026

This term, in History we will learn about popular toys through the 20th century and the early 21st century. Firstly, we will think about our favourite toy from today before moving on to look at toys which were popular when their parents and grandparents were children. We will use historical skills such as: asking and answering questions, identifying and interpreting different sources and recognising change and exploring how this influences them today.

Current Popular Toys

2025 Toy Trends



Key Vocabulary

toys, favourite, today, modern,
new, past, old,
present, 21st century,
20th century, Victorian,
source, evidence,
research.

Toy Materials

Victorian toys were usually made from wood, metal, paper or china and they were mostly hand made. Modern toys are usually made from plastic, nylon or foam and are mostly produced in factories. Toys from the past were often unsafe as some were made with sharp edges and from unsafe materials.



Toys from the Past

In the past children played with toys like spinning tops, dolls, model horses with wheels, hoops and rocking horses. The toys were made from wood, fabric and metal.

Toys in the Future

What will toys in the future look like?

