



TOYS

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Overview

Toys are objects that we play with.
 Toys can help us learn new skills, develop imagination and have fun (and lots of other things)
 Toys can be anything from simple pieces of wood and string, to modern games consoles and iPads.
 Toys have existed in many forms throughout history.
 Toys have developed and changed a lot over time, as new materials have been used and new technologies have become available.
 People make and play with different toys in different parts of the world.
 There are different types of toys- construction, small world, physical, creative, electronic etc.
 We will use adjectives to describe toy properties.
 Toys move and work in different ways- we will learn about forces.
 We will learn about our own toy history- what toys we liked when we were babies, toddlers and the toys we like now.







As part of our topic children will bring their favourite toy to school. We will present to the class and tell them important information about our toy. We will listen to our friends and ask them questions. We will compare and sort

We will set up a toy museum in our classroom. We will play with and look after the old toys. We will make some old-fashioned types of toys. We will have a visit from Nanny Thompson who will show us lots of old toys and tell us about how children played a



Toys through Time

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| Dolls |  | Dolls are thought to be the oldest form of toy. Wooden dolls from Egyptian times- 4000 years ago have been found. The Romans made dolls from clay, wood and rags. In Victorian times rich children had porcelain dolls, children who were poorer had dolls made from pegs and rags. | Key Vocabulary Console Electronic Cog Lever Force Gravity Modern Victorian Plastic Figurine Porcelain Fragile Museum Compare Properties Adjective Material |
| Teddy Bears |  | The first teddy bear was sold in 1902 and named after the American President Theodore Roosevelt. The first teddies were made from mohair and stuffed with wood shavings. The first teddies had wooden button eyes, then spherical glass eyes were used. Now most teddies have plastic eyes. | |
| Games Consoles |  | The first games consoles were around from the 1970s, but were nothing like games consoles today! The biggest selling console of all time is the PS2. | |
| Cars |  | Toy cars were first made in the early 1900's. They were made from tin and lead. After the war toy cars started to be more detailed and had doors and windows. Today toy cars are made from plastic, metal alloys and even carbon fiber. | |

History of Toys

Properties of Toys



1800s - Rich family
Children from rich families played with train sets, tea sets, dolls and toy soldiers.

1800s - Poor family
Children from poor families played with homemade toys such as ragdolls and wooden boats.

1902
In Germany, Richard Steiff based one of his toy designs on a bear he saw at the zoo. In 1902, the Steiff Company started making teddy bears.

1903
Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.

1907
The name Meccano was introduced and the first Meccano factory opened in Liverpool.

1934 - 1949
Ole Kirr Christiansen called his toy company 'Lego' in 1939. The plastic blocks were made in 1949.

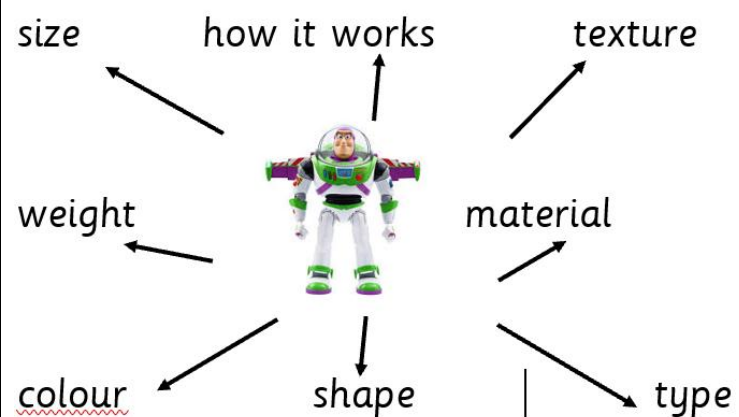
1943
Richard James invented the slinky in 1943. It performed tricks such as walking down the stairs.

1959
Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.

1959
The Etch a Sketch was invented by André Cassagnas in 1959 and was introduced in the 1960s.

1983
Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983. They first appeared in shops in 1989.

1989
The first Game Boy was developed by Nintendo and was released in Japan in 1989.



Can you use adjectives to describe toys?

Forces

Finding Out

Boomerangs
Sometimes, boomerangs are used as toys or for sport. Boomerangs move because of the push force of a person's arm throwing it. The Aboriginal game called 'bubbarah' has people throw a boomerang and see who can make it come back to them.

Did you know?
Boomerangs were created by Aboriginal Australians.

Scoters
A scooter can be pushed or pulled along by a person to make the wheels move.

Game consoles
People use their fingers to push the buttons and joysticks on the game controllers.

Kites
Kites use the wind and its pushing force in order to fly through the air.

Hoops
Hoops can be pushed or pulled to make them move. People use a push force to keep it twirling around their body.

Plastic Construction Bricks
Plastic construction bricks are a great toy that can be pushed together and pulled apart. They can be connected by pushing and can be pulled apart again to build something new.

We will become investigators. We will ask questions to gather information and report back to the class. We will ask mums, dads, grandparents and other family members about their favourite toy when they were our age.