



Knowledge Organiser

Subject: History

Year:2

Topic: Toys and Games

Key Vocabulary

★ artefact	An object made by humans
★ timeline	A line where important events are added in chronological order.
★ present	When something is happening now.
★ past	When something has already happened
★ modern	When something is newer and more recent.

Old Toys



whip and top



teddy bear



building blocks



marbles



toy soldiers



rag doll



rocking horse



Jack in the box



pogo stick



toy ship

New Toys



games console



robot



plastic bricks



roller blades



board games



Barbie doll



scooter



superhero



skateboard



radio controlled vehicles



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 Kirk 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 Cassagnes 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.

Key Facts

How long have toys existed?	Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
What were toys made of during the Victorian age?	Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.
What toys did Victorian children play with?	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.
What are modern toys made of?	Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.
How are modern toys different?	Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th century .