

Toys: Children should begin to use a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between an aspect of life in different periods. They need to understand the term within living memory.

Key Information:

- Early civilisations made toys from bones.
- Toys then became made from wood or tin.
- They were dragged along by string or later with wheels.
- The oldest toys thought to be 2000 years old and found near Stonehenge, but small artefacts from Indus Valley are even older.
- Great grandparents may have played with rocking horses, hoops and tops.
- Teddy Bears were invented in 1902, Lego 1932 and Corgi and Dinky cars in the 1950s.
- Today children play educational games on mobile phones and iPads

How do we know? Evidence:

- Toys can be aged by looking at what they are made from and their design.
- Collectors can provide physical evidence of how toys have changed over time.
- Museums can document the timeline of a toy.
- Written accounts and drawings.

Vocabulary

Rag Doll	home made doll stuffed with scrap of cloth
Hoop	wooden hoops driven with a short stick and rolled along by children
Teddy Bear	developed in USA and Germany from 1902. The name bear is named after President "Teddy" Roosevelt (president from 1901 to 1909)
Whip and top	a whip is wrapped round the spinning top and pulled
Rocking horse	a very early children's toy dating from medieval times. Very popular in Victorian times up to WW2
Toy soldiers	earliest toys were made from lead or tin, nowadays plastic material is used
China dolls	usually the head was made of glazed porcelain