

# History – Toys – Willow Class

| 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 <b>Victorian</b> age.   |
| What toys did Victorian children play with?      | Rich <b>Victorian</b> 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 <b>20<sup>th</sup> century</b> .  |

dolls



Meccano



teddy bears



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 **20<sup>th</sup> century**.

board games



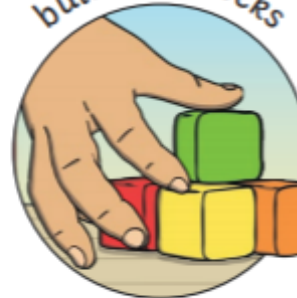
doll house



ball and cup



building blocks



computer games and consoles



# History – Toys – Willow Class

| Key Vocabulary                 |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Victorian</b>               | The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837-1901.  |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> century</b> | The 20 <sup>th</sup> century was 1900-1999.   |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup> century</b> | We are in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.                                   |
| <b>wooden toys</b>             | Lots of toys were made of wood. Boats, train sets and cup and ball were all made of wood. Some toys are still made of wood. |
| <b>paper toys</b>              | Some toys, like paper windmills, were made out of paper.  |
| <b>metal toys</b>              | Toy soldiers and some spinning tops were made out of metal.   |
| <b>plastic toys</b>            | Most modern toys are made of plastic. Toy soldiers, dolls and ride-on cars are usually made of plastic.                     |

## 19<sup>th</sup> century

Toys: wooden dolls, wooden doll houses, tea sets, ball and cup, spinning top, toys soldiers, leather footballs.



## 21<sup>st</sup> century

Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.



## 20<sup>th</sup> century

Toys: teddy bears, Barbie dolls, Action Man, electronic toys, computers, games consoles.

