

Hemingbrough History Curriculum

Theme: Victorian Toys

Phase: Year 1

Year Group: Key Stage 1

Strand: People and Communities

1. How long have toys existed?

Toys have existed for thousands of years. The oldest known doll toy is thought to be 4,000 years old.



Skills	Self Assessment	Teacher Assessment
Use dates where appropriate.		
Use words and phrases such as: a long time ago, recently, when my parents/carers to describe the passing of time.		
Show an understanding of the concept of nation and a nation's history.		

3. What were toys made of during the Victorian age?

Toys were made out of the materials that were available at the time. They were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age, but stones and string have also been made into toys.

4. 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. Materials like wood, metal and string are used less than in Victorian times.

19th century

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



20th century

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



21st century

Toys: handheld games consoles, virtual reality.



2. 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.

5. How are modern toys different to Victorian toys?

Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th century.