

# What makes the Xbox more fun than the toys of the past?



Year 1 Autumn Term 2

**Wooden blocks**



**Teddy Bear**



**Dolls**



**Computer Game**



**Board Game**



## **19th Century**

Toys: wooden dolls, wooden dolls houses, tea sets, ball and cup, spinning top, toy 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.

**You were born here.**

## **National Curriculum objectives:**

Changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life

### **Knowledge:**

- Toys have been around for lots of years.
- Toys were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
- Toys were made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.
- Rich Victorian children played with 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.
- Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.
- Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th century.

### **Historical skills and enquiry:**

Children will explore the following historical skills in context:

Place the toys onto a chronological framework in relation to their own life and family. Understand why toys from different time periods are different and can think about the impact on people of that time at a basic level.

Gain knowledge from different sources of evidence (the toys) and begin to think why one might be better than another.

Ask questions independently regarding the toy - these may be very general and closed.

Talk about how toys have changed by identifying similarities and differences between the period in question (grandparents) and their own life.

## **Key vocabulary**

**Victorian** - The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837-1901.

**20th Century** - The 20th century was 1900-1999.

**21st Century** - We are in the 21st Century. It started in the year 2000 and will end in 2099.

### **Wooden toys**



### **Paper toys -**



### **Metal toys -**



### **Plastic toys-**



**What should I already know?**  
An understanding that the past has happened and that the present is now.

How long have toys been around?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Days and days		
Weeks and weeks		
Years and years		

The Victorians played with computer games.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
True		
False		

Most toys are made from paper now.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
True		
False		

Electronic toys were first played with in which Century?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
19th Century		
20th Century		
21st Century		

My grandparents were born in which century?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
19th Century		
20th Century		
21st Century		

How do you play with a cup and ball?	
Start of unit:	End of unit:

Which materials make best toys and why?	
Start of unit:	End of unit: