



Somerset Bridge Primary School
Aspire - Brave - Care - Collaborate

History – Year 1

Significant People



Richard Steiff's toy company began making teddy bears in 1902.



Ole Kirk Christiansen called his toy company Lego in 1939.



Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959.



Play-Doh was invented by **N and J McVicker** in 1956.



The Slinky was invented by the engineer **Richard James** in 1943.

Key Facts

Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of materials that were available at the time, even stones.

Toys were mainly made out of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.

Modern toys are usually made with plastic, as it is usually safer.

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

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.

Differences (past and present)



Key Vocabulary

Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign - 1837 – 1901.	✓
20 th Century	The 20 th century was 1900 to 1999.	
21 st Century	We are in the 21 st century. It started in 2000 and will end in 2099.	
Wooden toys	Lots of toys were made of wood: boats, trains and cup and ball toys.	
Paper toys	Some toys, such as paper windmills, were made out of paper.	
Metal toys	Toy soldiers and some spinning tops were made from metal.	
Plastic toys	Most modern toys are made from plastic.	
Past	Gone by in time. No longer exists.	
Mechanical	Operated by a machine.	

Toy soldiers



1800

Teddy bears



1902

Wax crayons



1903

Lego blocks



1949

Barbie doll



1959

Gameboy



1989

Nintendo Wii



2006