



Year 1 - Summer - History Knowledge Organiser



What I already know...

We have developing understanding of past and present. Last term we compared homes and our local area now with what they were like in the Victorian times. We discovered and concreted our learning about the lives of children in the Victorian times through looking at historical artefacts and roles play.

What I will learn...

- Old toys were often made from wood.
- Modern (new) toys are often made from plastic
- Old toys were mechanical or moved by hand.
- Modern toys often use batteries.
- Old toys were usually made by hand.
- Modern toys are usually made by machines.
- 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 toy balls or toy animals.

Key Vocabulary

Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign: 1837—1901
chronology	The order of events in time
new	Recently made
old	Made a long time ago
wooden	Made from trees,
plastic	Made by machinery. Light and colourful.
handmade	Made by hand or with hand tools
electronic	Need to be plugged in or use batteries in order to work.
clockwork	Has machinery inside it which makes it move when is wound up with a key.

Making a difference at The Merton

Children will think about and discuss their favourite teddy bears and toys and then go on to look at what toys were like in the past and how they are different to toys today. We will also think about how they work and the mechanisms that make them move and how this has evolved over time. We will make links with our Science learning in Autumn Term and think about the materials toys over time have been made with and the impact on the environment and answer questions like what can we do with toys when we have finished playing with them. Our learning will be enriched by a trip to Sudbury Hall Museum bringing real toys from the past to our classroom, where we will get to discover and experience life as a child across the times. We are looking forward to sharing some of the things we have learnt with you in our Year 1 Exhibition.

Making a difference at home

Have a sort through your toys at home. Are there any that you no longer play with. Perhaps you could give them to a younger child, a friend or a cousin. Maybe take them down to the charity shop so that they can be used again. Whilst you are there you could even pick up a pre-loved toy for yourself and give money to help other children who need help.