

## Key Knowledge

The earliest toys were dolls.

The yo-yo is believed to be the world's second oldest toy.

Since their introduction in 1978, more than four billion Lego mini-figures have been made—more than the top three most populous nations on earth combined.

Play-Doh was invented to clean soot off wallpaper. Antique restorers still use it for this purpose. It wasn't until 1954 that anyone considered using it as a toy.

The first Paddington Bear was made in 1972 by Shirley and Eddie Clarkson. The couple made the bear as a Christmas gift for their young son.

Queen Elizabeth II is the head of our current monarchy.

Toys in the Victorian era were mainly made out of wood and cloth. Plastic was not invented until 1907.



# Family Album

## Year 1



### Links

- Create an advert/ poster advertising a toy.
- Instructions on how to make a thaumatrope.
- Recount of trip to the Museum.
- Information text on teddy bears.
- Self portraits.

### WOW Activity

Visit to Liverpool Museum and have a workshop on: toys through time. Teddy Bear picnic.

Links: Super Sleuth (Y6).

## Vocabulary

## Definition

Monarchy

a form of government with a the King or Queen in charge.

Museum

A building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and shown.

Change

Where something becomes different.

Timeline

A period of time on which important events are marked.

Parliament

Law-making body made up of elected Members of Parliament (MPs) and non-elected Lords.

Factory

Building with machines for producing goods in large numbers.

Abacus

This was a wooden frame with beads on it. It was used to help children with counting.

## The History of Toys Timeline

1902



In Germany, Richard Steiff based one of his toy designs on a bear he saw at the zoo.

1934-1949



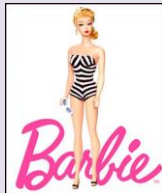
Lego was created in 1949.

1943



Richard James invented the slinky in 1943. It performed tricks such as walking down the stairs.

1959



Ruth Handler invented the Barbie doll in 1959.

1983



Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983.

1989



The first Game Boy was developed by Nintendo and was released in Japan 1989.

2014



Shopkins were created by Paul Solomon. They were first released in 2014.

2017



The Nintendo Switch was released.