ROBOTS - THE HISTORY OF TOYS

YEAR 1

KEY FACTS



- Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
- During the 19th Century toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal.
- Now toys are mainly made of plastic.
 This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.
- There are many similarities and differences between old and new toys
 this can be down to how they move and what they are made from.
- Some toys, like teddies, have hardly changed over time.

Key Vocabulary

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Museum	A museum is a building that holds a collection of objects that are found in nature or objects that people created.
Century	A hundred years.
after	Later in time.
before	At an earlier time
chronology	The order of events in time.
difference	What is not the same.
similarity	Likeness
era	A period of time in history. An era often begins or ends with an important event.
handmade	Made by hand or with hand tools rather than by machine.
old	Having existed for many years.
new	Having recently arrived, been produced.

HISTORICAL SKILLS

- To sort toys between old and new. Identify similarities and difference between them.
- Bring in your own toys and compare them to toys parents would have played with and grandparents.
- Discuss how the materials from which toys are made have changed over time and why
 this is the case.
- Place toys on a timeline in the chronology in which they were played.
- · Discuss which toys your grandparents have played with that you still play with today.

TOYS THROUGH TIME

