Seamer and Irton CP School - Knowledge Organiser

History Topic: Toys and Books

Prior Learning Lives of significant individuals – Year 2 – Florence Nightingale/ Mary Seacole

Key Knowledge I need to understand 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.

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

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.

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.

An illustrator is someone who draws the pictures (illustrations) in a book.



What's next?

Significant events beyond living memory – Year 2 – Great Fire of London

Key vocabulary I need to know

Toys Past Modern. Victorian 20th Century 21st Century Wooden Paper Metal Plastic New Worn Faded Electronic Illustrations Illustrator

How I will show what I have learned? I can explain how we can find out about toys from the past.

I can compare toys from the past to similar toys from different times (e.g., a spinning top or a doll).

I can identify and explain similarities and differences between toys from different time periods.

I can explain how this has impacted on the toys we play with today.

I can decide if a book is old or new by looking at the illustrations.

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