

Key Stage 1 Knowledge Organiser: Welcome to the Toy Shop

Year 2

History focus – Changes in toys over time

Key Vocabulary

monarch	A ruler such as a king, queen, or emperor.
Victorian	The time that Queen Victoria's ruled the country (1837-1901).
similarity	Something being similar to or like something else.
difference	Something being different or not like something else.
artefact	Any object made by human beings, especially one made in the past.
modern	Something that is within present or current times.
antique	From or made a long time ago.

Our Four Fantastic Facts:

- In the past toys were made from wood, metal and fabric but now most toys now are made from plastic.
- Toys used to be wind-up or push powered but now they use batteries.
- In Victorian times poor children would make their own toys like peg dolls.
- Lots of toys which were popular in the Victorian times are still popular with children today including trains, cars and dolls.



Science – Materials

materials	Materials are what objects are made from.
suitability	Suitability means having the properties which are right for a specific purpose.
properties	What a material is like and how it behaves (soft, stretchy, waterproof).
man-made	Made by human beings – not natural.
natural	Made in nature – not man made.
transparent	A material that lets light pass through so that an object can be seen on the other side.
absorbent	An object or material that is able to soak up a liquid.
opaque	A material that does not let light pass through it.

Key questions:

- Which material would be best for an umbrella?
- What are the properties of metal?
- Which materials change shape when squeezed or twisted?