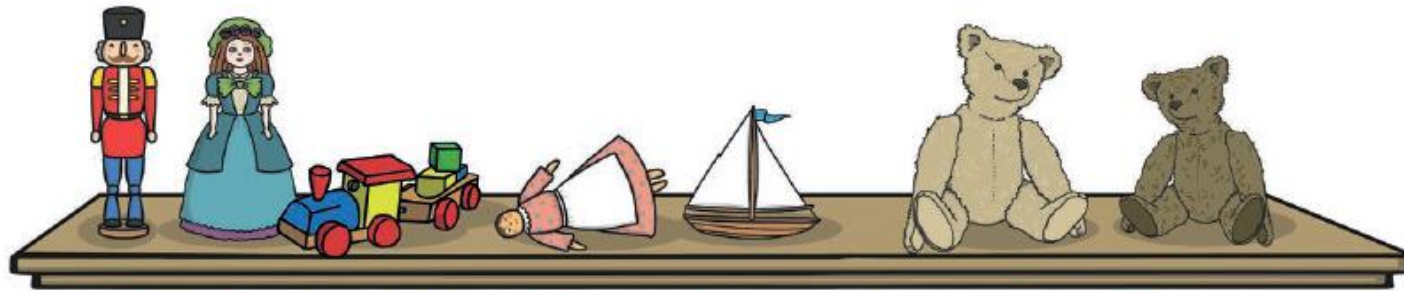


The history of toys



1800s - Rich family

Children from rich families played with train sets, tea sets, dolls and toy soldiers.

1800s - Poor family

Children from poor families played with homemade toys such as ragdolls and wooden boats.

1902

In Germany, Richard Steiff based one of his toy designs on a bear he saw at the zoo. In 1902, the Steiff Company started making teddy bears.

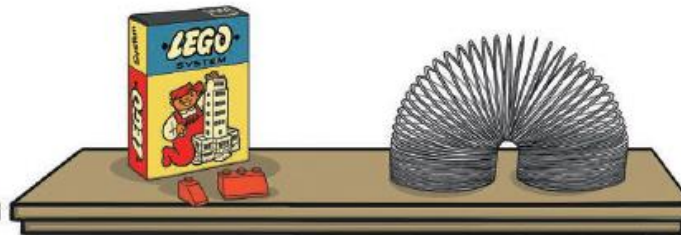


1903

Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.

1907

The name Meccano was introduced and the first Meccano factory opened in Liverpool.

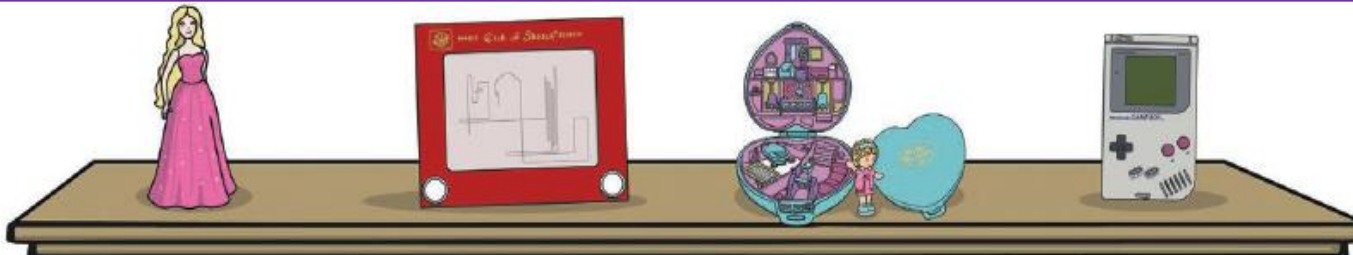


1934 - 1949

Ole Kirk Christiansen called his toy company 'Lego' in 1939. The plastic blocks were made 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. She named the doll after her daughter, Barbara.

1959

The Etch a Sketch was invented by André Cassagnes in 1959 and was introduced in the 1960s.

1983

Chris Wiggs invented Polly Pocket for his daughter in 1983. They first appeared in shops in 1989.

1989

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

Term 3- Toys

What toys did children play with in the past?

Key Vocabulary

Materials	The fabric from which something is made.
Timeline	A visual representation of events.
Past	A period of time that has already happened.
Present	A period of time not yet happened.
Old	Something from the past.
Modern	Something that has recently been discovered.