

Party time!

Our key concepts:
Change and Tradition

Our big question:
What toys and games did children play with in the past?

The children will begin by talking about how they have celebrated their birthdays. Then they will compare this to parties in the past, in particular the 1940s.



How do I find out about the past?

- Look at, explore and talk about a collection of old and new toys
- Put toys in chronological order
- Listen to older people's memories and ask them questions
- Use non-fiction books to find out information
- Look at photographs and watch videos from the past



How were birthdays celebrated in the past?

- Traditional games such as Blind Man's Buff, Pin the Tail on the Donkey, Hunt the Thimble, London Bridge is Falling Down
- Homemade party food such as sausage rolls, cheese and pineapple hedgehogs, jelly and cake
- Presents such as Slinky, Mr Potato Head, Etch-a-sketch

Important dates

1903	The first teddy bears were made
1960	Lego first on sale in the UK
1972	Pong - one of the first electronic gaming systems introduced
2016 or 2017	The year that you were born

Important words	Meaning
history	events in the past
time	the ongoing sequence of events taking place
change	when something becomes different
memory	things people can remember about the past
past	time before the present
present	now
chronological	in time order, from oldest to newest
timeline	a way to show an order of events that happen
museum	a place where artefacts from the past are displayed
artefact	an object made by a human that is interesting
invent	to make up, design or create something for the first time
fact	something that is known to be true
fiction	something that is made up

What were toys made from in the past?

Before the 1950s, most toys would be made from metal, glass, wood, fabric and porcelain. After that, plastic was more commonly used.

Have a look at your toys that you play with now: what are they made from?



Fantastic fact!

Did you know that fuzzy felt, a popular toy in the past, was invented in Farnham Common? It was created by a lady called Lois Allan in the 1940s.

How do I talk about the past?

I can use these words when talking about the past:

- Now
- Before
- After
- Yesterday
- Today
- Tomorrow
- A long time ago