

Year 1 Yellow Autumn: What was Playtime Like at Grove Road in the Past?

Sticky Knowledge

The most popular games played by children 100 years ago were marbles, hopscotch, blind man's bluff and blow football.

Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of 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.

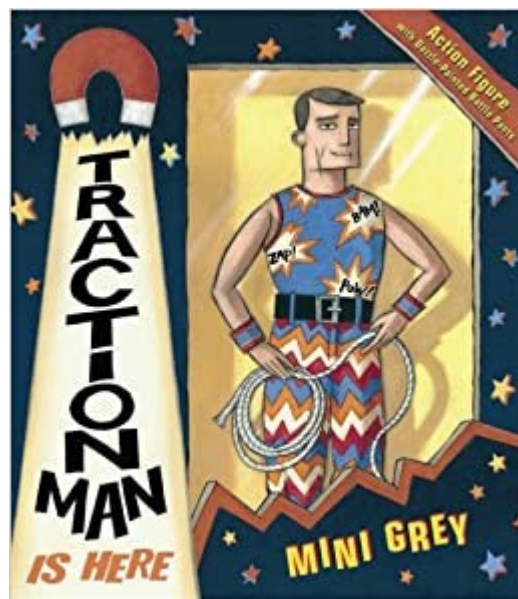
Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls. Poorer children played with handmade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals.

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.



Key Text



Topic Vocabulary

blackboard

A blackboard would be seen in almost every classroom in the 1960s. Today we have an interactive whiteboard.

chalk

Chalk was used by teachers to write on the blackboard. It was mainly white but there were many colours of chalk.

skipping

A very popular game in the 1960s. It was a long piece of rope which was turned by two children.

marbles

Another popular game was marbles. Many children came to school with a pocketful of marbles.

snakes and ladders

A board game which everyone knew in the 1960s. The board was made up of squares and you would move up a ladder and down the snake.

materials

Is what something is made of, e.g. wood or plastic.

Victorian

The time of Queen Victoria's reign: 1837-1901