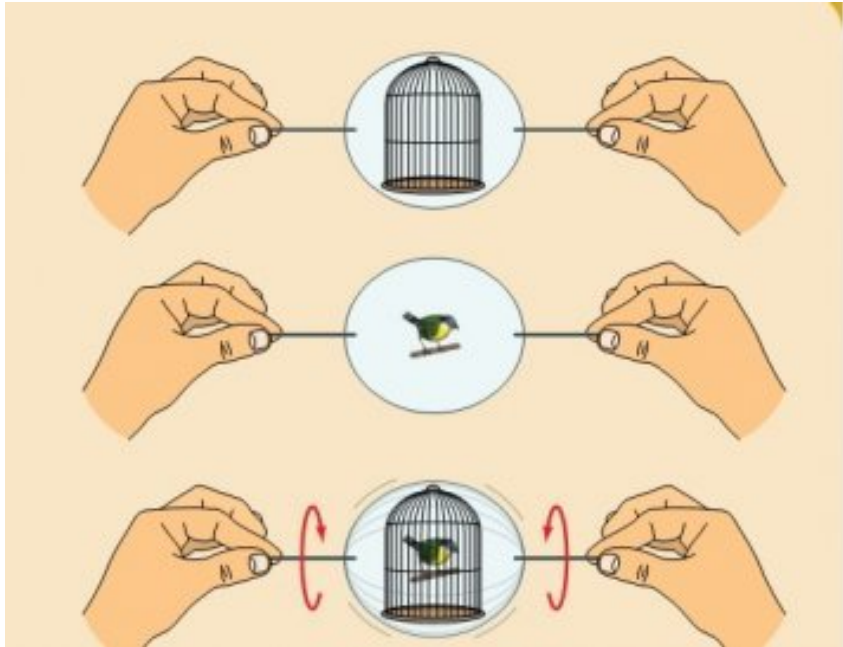


Key Stage 1 - Forest Academy Knowledge Organiser – Toys Over Time

Toys Through Time – Thaumatrope



There are many 'magic' toys that fool your eyes. These illusionary and optical toys include, spinning tops, zoetropes and

thaumatropes.

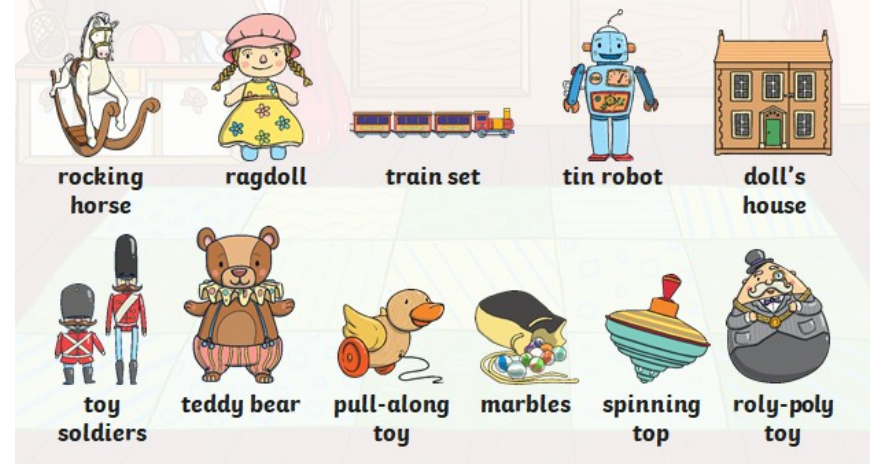
A **thaumatrope** is an optical toy that was popular in the **19th century**. A disk with a picture on each side is attached to two pieces of string. When the strings are twirled quickly between the fingers the two pictures appear to blend into one due to the persistence of vision.

Key Vocabulary

19th century	The period of time that began on January 1, 1801, and ended on December 31, 1900.
chronology	Putting events in date order.
modern	Relating to the present or recent times.
old	Belonging to the past.
past	A period of time when something has already happened.
present	A period of time that is happening now.
thaumatrope	A Victorian toy made from a simple disk or card featuring a different picture on each side and attached to two pieces of string.
Victorian	The time of Queen Victoria's reign. 1837-1901.

Old Toys

Can you name any old toys?



Brueghel's Children's Games

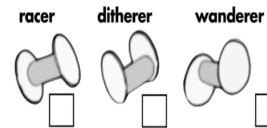


This painting is by Pieter Brueghel and was created in 1560. The children in the painting roll hoops, walk on stilts, spin hoops, play leap-frog, perform handstands and play with dolls and other toys.

Roly-Poly Toys

Most young children enjoy playing with push-along toys. A child can simply push the toy to see how fast and how far it will go. Or the child may move the toy in a series of movements. If two

How was it supposed to move?



children

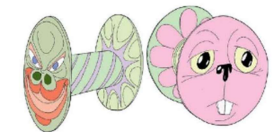
play together they can push a single

toy to and fro between them. There are lots of possibilities, which is

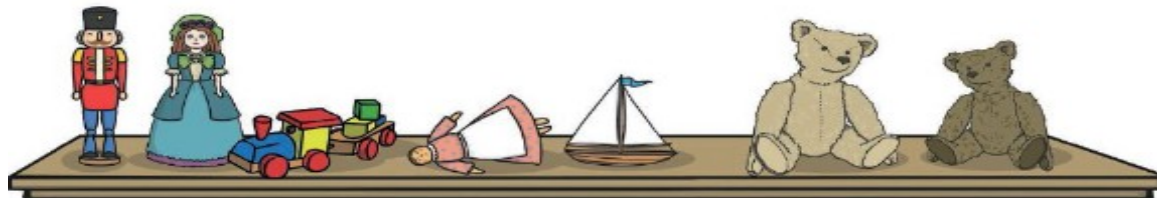
why they are such popular play things.



Roly Poly



Timeline of Toys - a chronology.



1800s - Rich family
Children from rich families played with train sets, tea sets, dolls and toy soldiers.

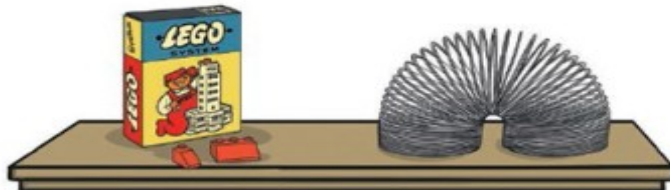
1800s - Poor family
Children from poor families played with homemade toys such as ragdolls and wooden boats.

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.



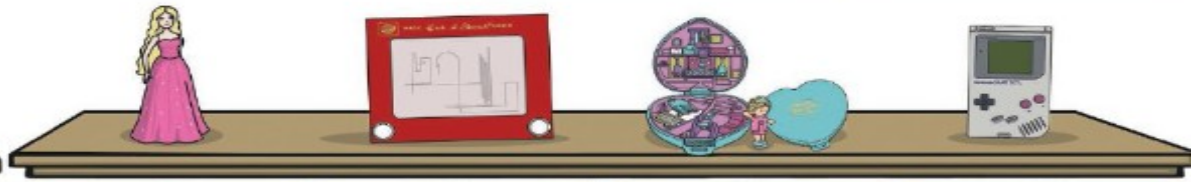
1903
Binney and Smith made a set of 8 wax crayons in 1903. Binney's wife named them Crayola.

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.