

The Knowledge

Supporting the National Curriculum



Ardleigh Green Learning Federation

Childhood



Year 1

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

Knowing More

Remembering More

Learning More

Key People

- Queen Victoria was born on 24th May 1819
- Queen Victoria was the Queen of the United Kingdom from 20th June 1837—22nd January 1901.



- Maurice Sendak—Author of 'Where the wild things are'.
- 1847 Margarete Steiff was born, the founder of the Steiff bear company.
- Richard Steiff, her nephew was known for creating one of the first Teddy bears.

Key Dates

- Queen Victoria was born.
- Queen Victoria became the Queen of the UK and Ireland.
- Queen Victoria died.
- Maurice Sendak was born.
- **The Teddy Bear is born**
Richard Steiff designs the "Bear 55 PB", the world's first plush bear with movable arms and legs.
- Plastic was officially being used for toys after World War II.

1819

1837

1901

1928

1902

1945

Key Facts

- It was called the Victorian period after the Queen at that time.
- In the Victorian times children would often make their own toys because they could not afford to buy any.
- Toys were often made from wood or metal.
- The Teddy bear—was named after Theodore ‘Teddy’ Roosevelt.
- Barcodes, credit cards, passenger jets and seat belts were invented in the 50’s
- The term doll (short for Dorothy) began being used in the 18th Century, before this dolls were called toy babies.
- Children would play on the street before cars were invented
- To get your shopping, you had to go to many different shops.

Key Vocabulary

1. **Fragile** : when an object (or toy) can break easily and needs to be looked after well.
2. **Victorian**: the period of Queen Victoria’s reign.
3. **Cane**: a stick used when children were naughty to punish them
4. **Jointed**: when a toy is able to move and remain in that position without falling back to the original position
5. **Bakers**: where you could buy your bread
6. **Butchers**: where you could buy your meat
7. **Greengrocers** : where you could buy your fruit and vegetables

Test Yourself

- Who was the Queen during the Victorian era?
- Who was the Teddy bear named after?
- What were most toys made from during the Victorian era?
- What age did many children have to stop going to school?
- Where did people get their bread from?
- Where did people get their meat from?
- What are toys made from now?
- What other differences are there between toys in the Victorian times and toys today?
- How did people get around without cars?

Texts to Read

