

British Values

4th-10th May

Individual Liberty

There are many types of toys for us to play with, some of them we will love, others not as much. We are all different and can decide for ourselves which we prefer!

Assembly Resource

Look through the examples of some other popular toys that children have enjoyed. For each one, talk about why you think it became so popular and if you would have enjoyed playing with it.



Slinky – 1940s

The slinky is a clever toy that can perform different tricks including 'walking' down stairs on its own!

The slinky was created in the early 1940s but became a craze in 1995 after the first Toy Story film featuring the Slinky Dog! Just under 1 million Slinky Dogs were sold in 1995!

The first ever virtual pet that you can take care of! Starting out as an egg, which then hatches and grows up in different ways depending on how it is treated. The user can clean up after it, feed it and even play with it!

Launched in Japan in 1996, the Tamagotchi quickly became a hugely popular toy all around the world!

Tamagotchi - 1996



Beanie Babies – 1990s



The soft cuddly toy collection, known as Beanie Babies, were very popular in the 90s, with many children collecting as many as they could fit on their beds!

Pokemon cards - 2001



Based on the video game, the Pokémon collectable cards took over households and playgrounds alike in the early 00s with children trying to collect the full set. Some cards were very rare and people were paying huge amounts on eBay!

Resource 1

Look at the resource below, which shows some toys we might find in homes today.

Have you heard of all of these toys before? From the toys found below, which one is your favourite? Why do you prefer it to all of the others?



Aquabeads



Dinosaurs



Sylvanian Families



Lego



Remote control car



Polly Pocket



Soft toy

Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which shares Jo's experience of toys and some of the things she played with as a child, a teenager and now.

Some things I played as a child:

- Lego
- Sylvanian Families
- Soft toys
- Football
- Farm sets
- My Little Pony



Some things I played as a teenager:

- Video games (a SEGA Mega Drive!)
- Scalextric
- Make-up sets
- Football



Are the toys you played with when you were younger different to the toys you play with now?

Some things I play now:

- Football
- Toys my children enjoy playing with such as cars, trains, Twisty Petz.



Jo Martin – age 37

Can you find out what toys adults in your home played with as a child, teenager and now?

I remember watching my mum being so excited to receive gifts, like a laundry basket, a scarf, a plant for her garden, and seeing her being so happy and excited. At the time I thought, I do hope I don't get given things like that when I am older as I will always love toys. Now, I am 37 years old, a mum of two, and whilst I would still not want to receive a scarf or a plant, I would now be thrilled to receive a laundry basket – a useful and practical item!