

## Toys through Time



As the Learning Team are working from home and don't have access to our actual handling artefacts, we have created a series of pages based on the Toy Emporium Display. (see pic below) As well as the information here there are short videos to go with a very popular toy.

Our information is aimed at Key stage 1 children so is short and easy to read - but remember this is about interesting you in the topic, it's not the whole history of Toys!

We've tried to include as many toys as we can from this case. But we couldn't squeeze them all in!

We have laid our pages out as fact file style pages, and we've left you space to add your own information too. There are a couple of activity pages too.

And there also are two crafts included in this pack.

Have Fun!



# Spike's Toy Fact File; Cars/Vehicles



## Clockwork Alpha Romeo Racing Car

Age; made in 1929

Material; metal

Other info: painted a blue/green colour with a red seat. Number 2 painted on the side.

## World War II Ambulance

Age; made in 1944

Material; wood

Other info: based on the ambulances seen during WWII

## Pink Barbie Volkswagen Beetle Car and Barbie Dolls

Age; made in 2003

Material; plastic

Other info: the most modern addition to the toys collection.

# Spike's Toy Fact File; Household toys



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## Toy Water Pump

Age; made in 1880

Material; metal

Other info: made to work and look like the real thing.

## Sewing Machine

Age; 19th Century

Material; metal

Other info: this is a working toy that was made for girls to be able to sew like their mothers.

## Kitchen Range and Pans

Age; made in 1890

Material; metal

Other info: made for girls to be able to cook like their mothers.



# Spike's Toy Fact File; Dolls



## Doll

Age; made in 1840

Material; wax head and shoulders, glass eyes, hessian body filled with sawdust.

Other info: there is a handle in her back that moves her eyes

## Wooden Dolls

Age; made in 1845

Material; wooden

Other info: very popular with Victorian children, made in Switzerland and Holland.

## Left - Doll

Age; made in 1840

Material; porcelain head, rem, legs, stuffed body.

## Right - Doll

Age; made in 1888

Material; bisque head, glass eyes



# Spike's Toy Fact File; Toys to play on your own



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## Marbles and skipping rope

Age; 1890      1920

Material; glass      wood and rope

Other info: Marbles were originally made from marble.

Modern skipping ropes are often made of plastic.

## Spinning tops and cup & ball

Age; 1880's      1820's

Material; wood

Other info: These were played with by children in the street or in their homes. At this time children were to be seen and not heard!

## Rainbow magic spring

Age; made in the 1980's

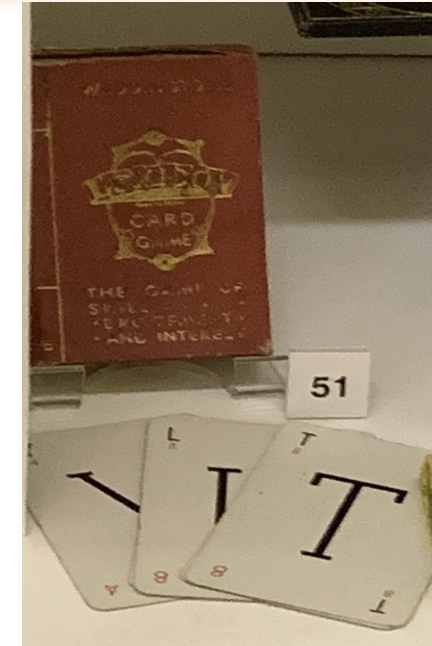
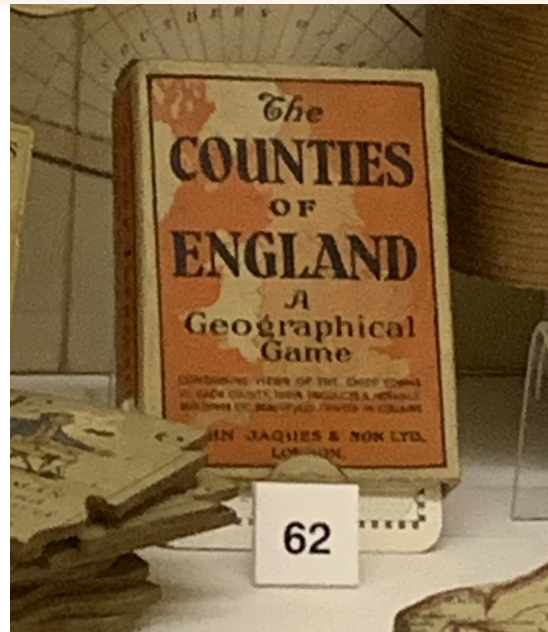
Material; plastic

Other info: often called a slinky. The first ones were made of metal.

# Spike's Toy Fact File; Card Games



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Little Grey Rabbit Card game

Age; made on the 1960's

Material; card

Other info: card in the early/mid 1900's were often made of card with linen embedded in the card to make them stronger.

Counties of England Card Game

Age; 1920's

Material; card

Other info: this was an educational game to help learn the counties of England.

Lexicon card game

Age; 1930's

Material; card

Other info: players lay out their cards and spell words, laying them down like a crossword, similar to scrabble.



# Spike's Toy Fact File; Small World Play



## Triang Dolls House

Age; 1950's

Material; wood

Other info: A 'mock Tudor' style dolls house based on houses of the 1930's. When you open the front there is a sitting room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a garage.

## Handmade Noah's Ark and animals

Age; made in 1910

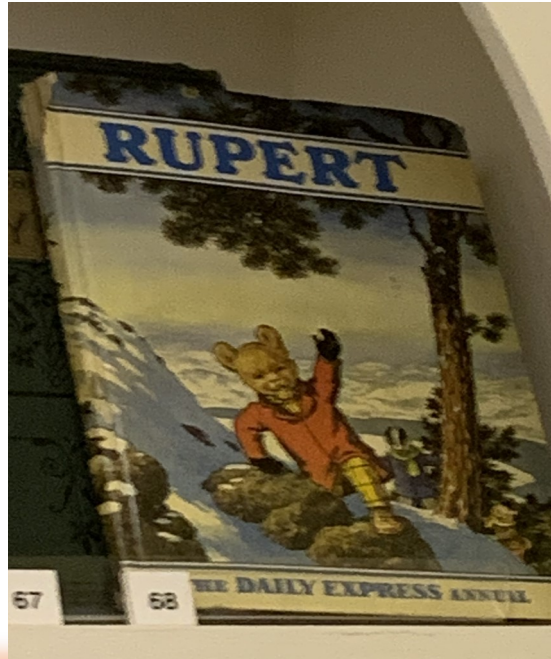
Material; wood

Other info: The ark was hand made for a little girl by her uncle. The hand cared animals were bought from a professional toymaker.

# Spike's Toy Fact File; Books and Music



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Eye Spy books

Age; left 1976 right 1954

Material; paper

Other info: These are still available today. Great for journey's to spy what you can see out of the window.

Rupert the Bear annual

Age; 1970

Material; paper

Other info: These were published annually at Christmas time and told Rupert stories, like those found in the Daily Mail, written in rhyme,

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Age; 1930's

Material; metal

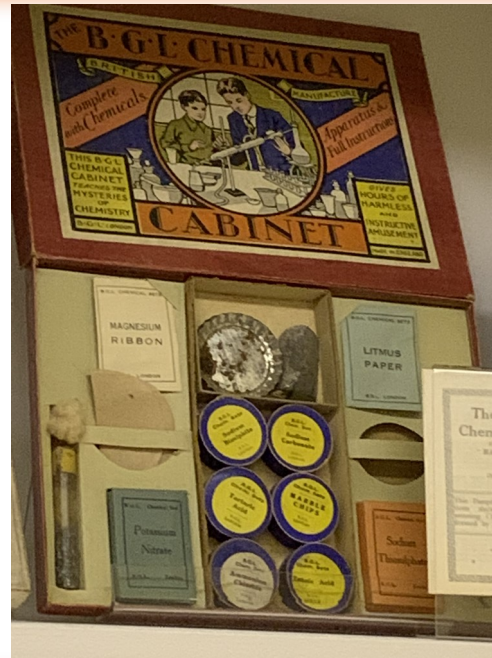
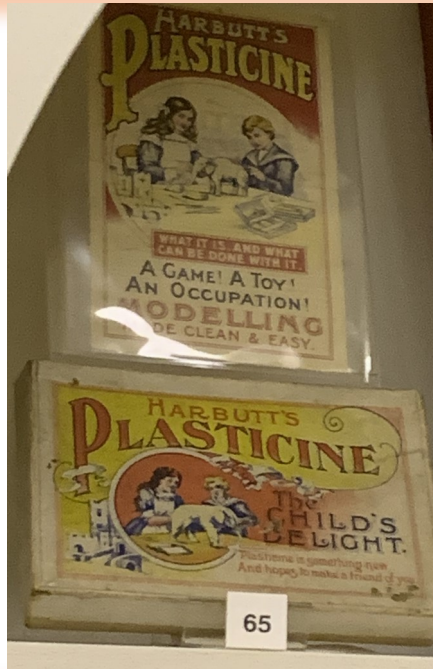
Other info: Toy wind up gramophone. These played music from a plastic disk. The sound came out through the funnel/horn on the top.



# Spike's Toy Fact File; Investigative Toys



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## Harbutt's Plasticine

Age; 1900's

Material; made from chemicals and minerals.

Other info: This is modelling material like the plasticine we have today. It was invented by William Harbutt.

## The BGL Chemical Cabinet Chemistry Set

Age; 1930's

Material; various chemicals and tools

Other info: Chemistry sets were aimed at boys to find out what happened when different chemicals were mixed together.

## Conjuring (magic) set

Age; 1870

Material; wood, metal

Other info: Victorian children and adults would learn to perform magic tricks and perform them to their family in the parlour (living room)

(your name) \_\_\_\_\_

# and Spike's Fact File;

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My Toys

Age:

Material:

Other info:

Age:

Material:

Other info:

Age:

Material:

Other info:



# Spike's Toy Sorting Activity



Find toys to go in each box. You could look at the toys in this pack or use your own toys.

Toys made of wood

Toys made of plastic

Toys made of metal

Toys made of fabric

# My Favourite Toy



Choose your favourite toy from home and fill in the boxes below. Then choose a favourite toy from the museum and do the same.

My favourite toy is \_\_\_\_\_.

It is made from \_\_\_\_\_.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

I got it from \_\_\_\_\_.

Now draw your toy below

My favourite museum toy is \_\_\_\_\_.

It is made from \_\_\_\_\_.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

Now draw your toy below



# Make your own Frog Cup and Ball



**Step 1.** Gather your materials, you will need a toilet roll tube, scissors, sticky tape, glue, string, card and coloured pens.



**Step 2.** Use the pens to colour in the toilet roll, then use the tape to tape one end together. See picture.



**Step 3.** Cut out some eyes, legs and arms from the card, then colour them in. Use the glue to attach the eyes and the tape for the arms and legs.



**Step 4.** Make a fly out of the card and colour it in, then use the tape to attach the fly to the string.



## Make your own Frog Cup and Ball



**Step 5.** Use some tape to attach the end of the string inside the frog's mouth.

You have finished your frog cup and ball. Don't forget to share with us what you have created

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## Make your own Ring Toss Game



**Step 1.** Gather your materials. You will need 5 paper plates, scissors, sticky tape, coloured pens and a long cardboard tube.



**Step 2.** Cut the centre out of 4 of the plates to turn them into the rings, then use the pens to colour them in.



**Step 3.** Use the scissors to cut strips into the cardboard tube, about 5 cm long. Then fold them out as you see in the picture.



**Step 4.** Use the sticky tape to attach the cardboard tube to the paper plate you have left.



## Make your own Ring Toss Game



**Step 5.** you have finished your ring toss game, we've used 4 paper plates so that 2 people can have 2 each but you can use as many as you would like.

Don't forget to share what you have created with us  
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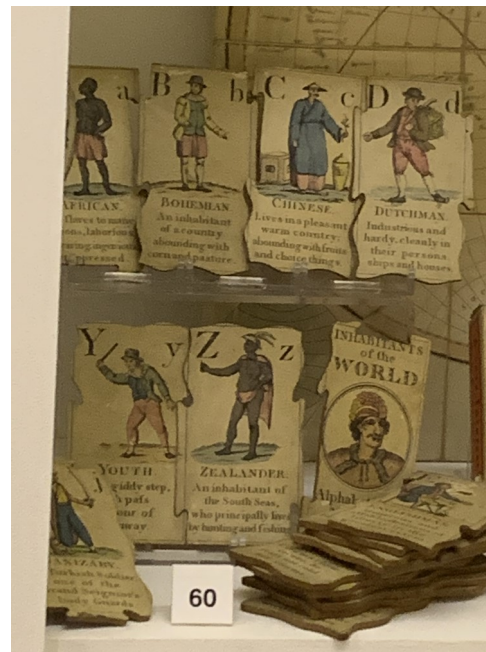


# Toy Emporium at Maidstone Museum





# More Toys to spot when you visit the museum







**For more information, help with school questions, to book school visits, or just to say hello,  
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