

# Theme: Open the Toybox

## Foundation Stage: Understanding the World

### Enquiry Questions

- What is my favourite toy?
- What are modern toys like?
- Have we always played with the same toys?
- What were toys like in the past?
- How are old and modern toys the same and different?
- How have teddy bears changed over time?

### What will I know by the end of the topic?

#### New Toys



- Modern toys are often made of plastic.
- Modern toys often use batteries or electronics.
- Modern toys are usually made by machines.

#### Old Toys



- Old toys were often made of wood, metal and fabric.
- Old toys were mechanical or moved by hand.
- Old toys were usually made by hand.
- In the past, children played with different toys depending on whether they were a boy/girl, rich/poor.

#### Teddy Bears



- A teddy bear is a soft toy in the form of a bear.
- Teddy bears were invented over 100 years ago.

### Key Vocabulary

**modern** – to do with present times

**old** – having existed for many years, not young or new

**electronic toy** – uses batteries or can be charged using electricity

**mechanical toy** – includes moving parts that are hand powered

**handmade** – made by a person not a machine

**faded** – to lose freshness or colour