



# Year 1 History

## Knowledge Organisers



## Y1 Autumn Term—History—Myself, My School and My Village

How have toys changed over time?	
<b>How long have toys existed?</b>	Toys have existed for thousands of years. They were made out of the materials that were available at the time. Even stones and string have been made into toys.
<b>What were toys made of during the Victorian age?</b>	Toys were mainly made of wood, paper and metal during the Victorian age.
<b>What toys did Victorian children play with?</b>	Rich Victorian children played with toys such as clockwork trains, rocking horses, tea sets and dolls. Poorer children played with homemade toys such as peg dolls, wooden boats and rags stuffed with sawdust to make balls or toy animals.
<b>What are modern toys made from?</b>	Modern toys are mainly made of plastic. This is because it is usually safer and easier to make things with.
<b>How are modern toys different?</b>	Many modern toys use electricity to work. Computers and consoles were invented in the 20th century.

How have schools changed over time?	
<b>How long have schools existed?</b>	Schools have been in Britain for over a thousand years.
<b>Were schools always free?</b>	Until the Victorian times, schools were not free and not many children attended them. Children from wealthy families were usually taught by a governess at home. Some boys would be sent to school from the age of ten. Children who were not from wealthy families often wouldn't have any education and would have to work instead. In Victorian times they became free.
<b>How were schools different in Victorian times?</b>	In the past, boys and girls often had separate entrances into the school building and separate playgrounds. In the past, desks were in rows. They were fixed to the floor and couldn't be moved. Classrooms were very busy and could have over 100 pupils in a class. In the past, children used slates and chalk to write instead of paper. Schools in the past didn't have electricity so there were no lights. Gas lamps would be used instead, which meant the classrooms could be quite dark.
<b>How are modern schools different?</b>	Today, most classes in schools have around 30 children. They often have different areas for learning and tables are often in groups. Also, they are often filled with displays to support children with their learning and much more technology like interactive boards and iPads.



### Vocabulary

the past	Things that have already happened.
the present	Things that are happening now.
the future	Things that will happen in the future.
timeline	Something to show events in a certain time.
modern	Something from present times.
ancient/old	Something from the past.

## Y1—Spring Term—History—Travelling Around the UK

### Bicycles

James Starley was an English inventor of bicycles who lived in Coventry in the 1800's. His company designed and made bicycles from their factory in Coventry and many Historians believe that he invented the first bicycle. The first bike he invented was called 'The Coventry'; this was quickly followed by a bike known as a 'Penny Farthing' which had a large front wheel and a smaller back wheel. They were called 'Penny Farthings' because old English pennies were big and round and farthings were small and round, like the wheels on the bicycle.



### Trains

Trains used to be powered by steam. Steam trains firstly carried things, such as coal, but then people began using trains to travel between places. They hadn't travelled so quickly before! A British man called George Stephenson was born over 200 years ago and was an engineer. He built steam locomotives for railways and is known as the 'Father of Railways'.

Modern trains are now much quicker and are powered by electricity.

There is a new train being built which travels through our local area called HS2. This is a fast, high-speed train that travels to London.



### Cars

A man called Benz invented a car using a petrol engine. Before he built this car, there were vehicles that used steam to move!

Today, there are lots of different types of cars made by lots of different manufacturers. Cars today travel much quicker and more safely. They also use less fuel. Electric cars are better for the environment.



steam engine	A steam engine uses steam from boiling water to make it move. The steam pushes the moving parts.
Penny-Farthing	A bicycle with one big wheel at the front and one small wheel at the back.
automobile	An automobile, also known as a car, is a motor vehicle with wheels that mainly used so people can travel from one place to another.
electric car	Electric cars use electricity to make the motor turn.
James Starley	James Starley was an English inventor who worked in Coventry and is known as the 'father of the British bicycle'.
HS2	HS2 is Britain's new high-speed railway being built between London and the West Midlands.



## Y1—Summer Term—History—Buckets and Spades

Radford Semele is in the town of Leamington Spa. Leamington Spa used to be a tiny village but it became more popular when people built baths around some of the springs (a spring is where water comes up out of the ground). Leamington Spa is called a 'spa' because of the baths that were built. When Queen Victoria came to visit, she said that Leamington Spa could be called Royal Leamington Spa.

### Past



In the Victorian times, trains became a great way to travel so more people went to the beach. They would travel to the seaside to enjoy activities, such as a puppet show, walk along the promenade or to go sea bathing. The Victorians believed that the sea air was good for you and that sea bathing would make you healthy. Beaches used to be split into areas for men and women and people would be fully clothed. Beaches were also much cleaner because there weren't as many packaged foods.

### Present



Lots of people still like to go to the seaside for a holiday. There are lots of fun things to see and do at seaside towns called attractions. There are also lots of cafes and restaurants and huts selling snacks like ice-creams, drinks and fish and chips.

Like in the Victorian times, you can still find puppet shows on some beaches and people still like to go for walks along the promenade.

Many people now also fly abroad to go for a seaside holiday!

Victorian times	When Queen Victoria ruled (from 1837-1901).	photographs	Pictures taken by a camera that can show us what life was like in the past.
past	Already happened in time.	similar	Things that are the same.
present	Happening now.	different	Things that are not the same.