History Year 1

Spring Term – Eco Warriors

The History of Toys

Key Vocabulary

Invention – Something that has been newly created

Lightweight – Thin material that weighs less than normal

Environment – The place in which a person, animal or plant lives

Plastic – A man made material from chemicals

Landfill – A big hole in the ground where we bury rubbish.

Key Facts

A **plastic** is a kind of **material** that is made by people.

Most plastics are strong and **lightweight**.

Plastics can be made into almost any shape by heating them.

In 1869 John Wesley Hyatt, a U.S. inventor, made the first **plastic**.

Plastics are very useful, but they can also cause many problems for the **environment** if they end up in the oceans .

Items made out of plastic do not break down and take up room in **landfill**.

Key Questions

What did people use before plastic?

Why was plastic invented?

How has plastic use changed over time?

What are the positives of using plastic?

What are the negatives of using plastic?