

Outdoor museum

Telling local history through an outdoor display

Outdoor lesson

primary

Great for...

- **History** historical enquiry/local history
- **English** writing explanatory texts
- **ICT** researching information

Activity

- 1 Take the theme of outdoor toys for your outdoor museum. The children should research how outdoor toys and games have changed over time. They should ask their parents and grandparents and carry out research using books and the internet. Discuss which is likely to be the most accurate source of information.
- 2 Collect examples of these items together (or pictures if the toys or games are not available) and think about how they could be displayed outside in the grounds. Objects could be placed according to where they would be used, or by decade.
- 3 The children should then write a commentary or explanation for each of the items on display. These could be produced as a booklet to guide visitors around the tour or created as a commentary to be displayed with each object.
- 4 Invite the rest of the school community to visit the museum.

What you need

- **Either pictures or examples** of old outdoor toys and games
- **Equipment for displaying your items** – they could be hung from a fence or trees, or placed on stands made from cardboard boxes

Preparation

- Visit a local museum to look at how objects are displayed.
- Talk about how toys have changed over the years, looking at examples from different eras before focusing on outdoor toys.

Less challenging

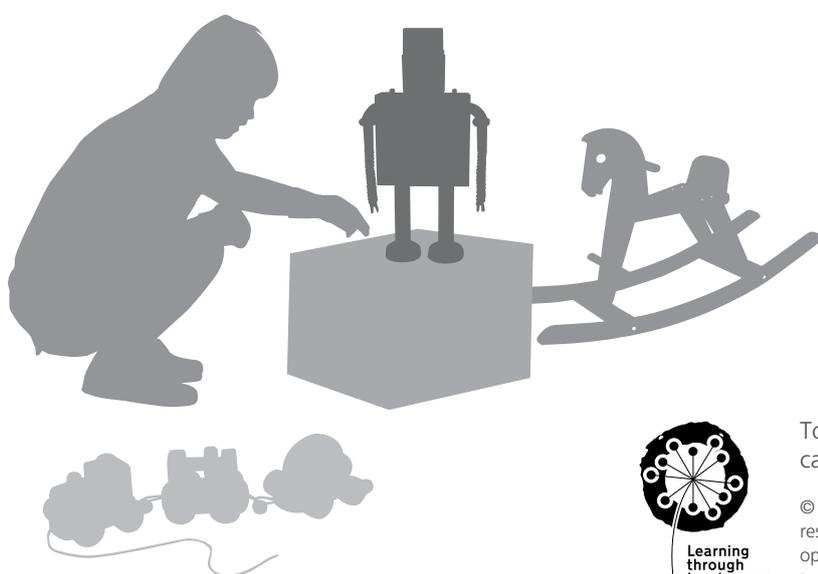
- Provide children with questions to ask parents and grandparents about their toys and games so they have information for the commentary for the museum.

More challenging

- Get the children to talk to their parents and grandparents about playground games and how these have changed. The children could then recreate these games outdoors as part of their museum of toys and games.

Your notes

Use this space to evaluate the activity



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