This term the children in Room 13 have been learning about the past, present and future as part of the history component of their learning. The children have been focusing on learning about toys and games from the past and present, and have been learning about the toys/games that their parents and grandparents played.

The children were very privileged to have Jai’s grandmother, Joyce, and Hannah’s grandfather, Martin, visit the classroom. Joyce taught the class how to play knucklebones, a ball game and a game of chatterbox. Joyce also kindly bought in her coin and stamp collection to share with the children. Martin demonstrated how to play with a yoyo, and taught the children how to play marbles. Martin also kindly presented the class with an enlarged photo that he had taken of the children’s assembly item from the previous week. This photo will take pride of place in our classroom. Thank you to both Joyce and Martin for this invaluable experience that has enriched the children’s learning.

This learning experience has highlighted to the children that there are many similarities, but also many differences between the toys & games that the children play with today, compared to that in the past. It has also highlighted that toys and games from the past were often much more simple than toys and games of today, and required little or no expense.