

How has technology changed our lives over the last 60 years?

Overview:

This unit looks at the changes in technology over the past 60 years. The children will begin by thinking about the term 'technology' and what that means. They will then consider the technology that they use in their everyday lives. The lessons then look back at technology of the past, spanning 60 years.

Changes in how we write:

Typewriters

- For writing letters, stories, poems, news articles
- Could not delete what was written
- Printed as you typed

Then came personal computers, laptops and mobile phones.



Changes in how we talk:

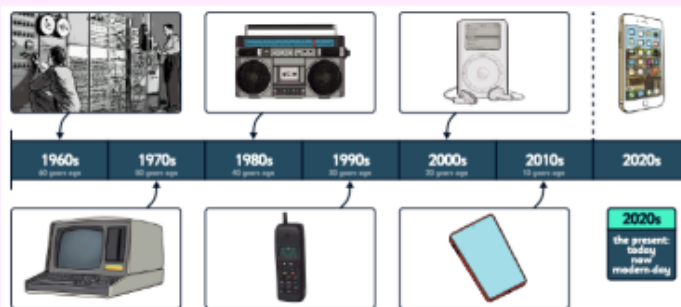
Rotary phones

- Had to dial the numbers
- One phone per house
- Could not move around the house



Telephone boxes

- For people who did not have phones at home



Changes in how we entertain:

TVs

- Only had 3 channels
- Were in black and white

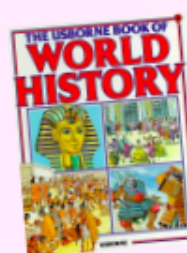


1970s - Video games introduced

1980s - Portable music introduced

How do we find out about the past?

- Books
- Internet
- Museums
- Talking to older people
- Watching videos
- Looking at objects
- Looking at photos



Key Vocabulary:

 before	 after	 past	 present
 chronology	 same	 different	 typewriter
 rotary phone	 phone box	 old	 new



By the end of this unit you will know:

- Technology that was used for writing
- Technology that was used for talking
- Technology that was used for entertaining
- Make comparisons between technology then and now.
- About important investigators in technology.