The 1960s were an exciting time! Lots of things changed. Some of the big changes were:

**Music**
- Pop music was very cool.
- Bands like The Beatles were famous.
- Young people had their own music just for themselves.

**Clothes**
- Young people wore different clothes.
- Women could have shorter hair and men, longer hair.
- People wore colourful clothes.

**Toys and TV**
- More toys started to be made out of plastic.
- You could buy toys like Lego and Etch-a-Sketch.
- Most houses had a TV.
- Colour TV began in 1967.

**Did You Know...?**
In 1966, England won the World Cup!
In 1969, the first man walked on the moon.
The Swinging Sixties

The 1960s were an exciting, hip and groovy time! New things were happening and lots of things were changing. This is why it was called ‘The Swinging Sixties’.

Music
The music of the 1960s was fast and fun! Pop bands like The Beatles, from Liverpool, became famous all over the world. They made Britain very cool. Fans of The Beatles would scream when they saw them. Nothing like this had ever been seen before!

Clothes
Before the 1960s, young people had dressed like their mums and dads in knee-length dresses and suits. In the 1960s people started to dress differently. Women wore short skirts and had shorter hair. Men could have longer hair. These new clothes made it easier to dance and have fun.

Toys and TV
In the 1960s more toys started to be made out of plastic making them cheaper and more colourful. Toys such as Lego and Etch-a-Sketch were on everyone’s Christmas list. By the end of the 1960s most houses had a TV. Colour TV began in 1967. TV shows like Doctor Who, were popular.

Did You Know...?
In 1961, the first person went into space.
In 1966, England hosted and won the World Cup!
In 1969, the first person walked on the moon.
The 1960s was an exciting and thrilling decade. New things were happening and many things were changing. For this reason, it was called ‘The Swinging Sixties’.

**Music**

The music of the 1960s was fast and fun to dance to! With their catchy electric guitar songs and new style, pop bands like The Beatles suddenly became world-famous overnight. These bands made Britain cool and hip. Fans of The Beatles would scream and lose control at their concerts. Nothing like this had ever been seen before!

**Fashion**

Before the 1960s, young people had dressed like their parents in knee-length dresses and suits. In the 1960s young people had more money and freedom. They started to dress differently. Women wore short skirts called mini-skirts and could have shorter hair. Men could have longer hair if they wanted. Men and women started to dress in colourful, groovy prints. These new clothes made young people stand out from the crowd and represented change.
Toys and Television
Just like clothes, cheaper and more colourful toys began to be made in the 1960s which were available to everyone. Plastic toys such as Lego, Etch-a-Sketch and space-themed toys were very popular.

By the end of the 1960s most houses had a television. The first person went into space in 1961. Many people bought a television set to watch the moon landing in 1969. The first channel to air in colour was BBC 2 in 1967, although not everyone could afford a colour TV. People enjoyed watching adventures in space like Doctor Who.

Did You Know...?
In 1966, Britain hosted the eighth World Cup. In the build up, the World Cup trophy was stolen! The final was between Germany and England. England won with a score of 4 -2. Luckily, the trophy was discovered just in time by a dog called Pickles!