

'Castles'

Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

Castle	A strong building that was built to protect the people inside.
Past	Something that has already happened
Knight	A man who works for the Lords and Kings.
Armour	Hard, metal clothes worn by knights to protect their bodies.
Features	Important or interesting parts of something
Bailey	The enclosed lower, flatter part of the castle where animals, sheds, workshops and more were often kept
Motte	A small hill on which a castle was built
Turret	A small tower on top of a larger tower
Moat	The water that is around a castle.
Drawbridge	The bridge, over a castles moat, that could be raised
Portcullis	A strong metal gate that can be lowered to block a path

Key info:

Who lived in a castle?

A long time ago, Kings and Lords lived in castles with their families. They were rich people who had lots of money.

Why were castles built?

Castles were built to protect the people inside.

Where were castles built?

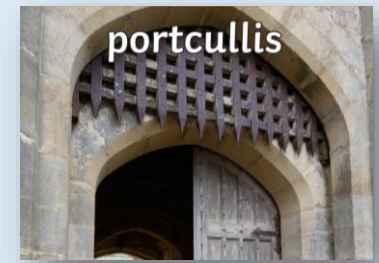
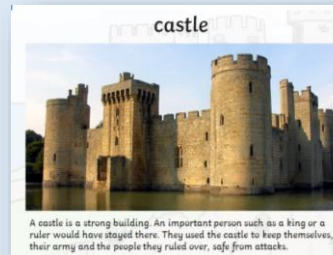
Castles were often built on hilltops and by water to make them easier to defend.

What do castles look like?

Castles are usually made from stone. They are tall. They have tall walls and towers.

What was castle life like?

The quality of your life in a castle depended on whether you were rich or poor. Rich people had better food, clothes and more leisure time.



Castles	Our Houses
Built to protect rulers.	Built to keep us safe.
They have lots of large rooms.	They have smaller rooms.
Made from stone.	Made from bricks.

Be a performer: We will take part in a WOW day where we will learn shield formations, create battle scenes using a green screen & create shields!

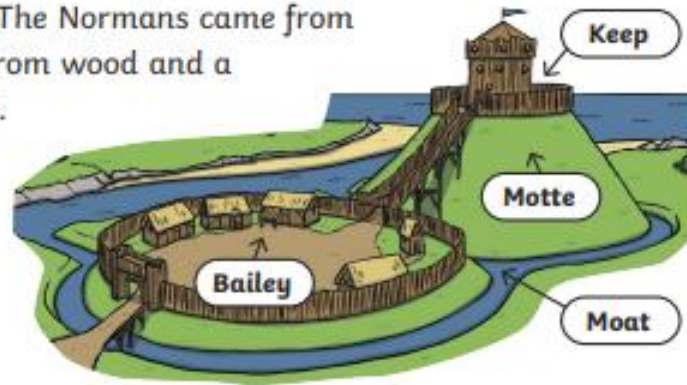
Crucial Curriculum Content

- To know what Castle life was like
- To know the purpose of a castle and why they were built
- To learn about the different types of castles and how they evolved

The history of castles

Motte and Bailey Castles

The earliest proper castles built in England were Motte and Bailey castles. They were built by the Normans following their invasion in 1066. The Normans came from France. Motte and Bailey castles were normally made from wood and a mound of earth, making them cheap and quick to build.



Motte and Bailey Castles - Key Vocabulary

motte	A tall steep sided mound on which the keep was built.
bailey	An area surrounded by a wooden fence, where soldiers and servants lived.
keep	The strongest part of the castle. This was built on top of the motte and was often lived in by the owner of the castle.

Fun Fact

The largest castle in the world is Malbork Castle in Poland.



A Timeline of the Development of Castles

The way that castles were built and the materials that were used changed over time. This timeline shows some of the different styles of castles from the earliest to be built, to the most recent.



motte and bailey castle built from wood



stone keep motte and bailey castle



stone keep castle with stone curtain walls



concentric castle



courtyard castle and moat



fortified manor house

Science Knowledge Organiser - Materials

Key Vocabulary	
object	A thing that can be used. For example a door, chair, car, table are all objects .
material	Materials are what an object is made from.
hard	Not easily broken or bent.
soft	If something is soft , it is easy to cut, fold or change the shape of.
stretchy	Can be pulled to make it longer or wider without breaking.
shiny	Reflects light easily.
dull	Doesn't reflect light. Doesn't look bright or shiny .
rough	If something is rough , it feels and looks uneven or bumpy.

Key Knowledge

Materials:



plastic



wood



metal



water



glass



plastic toys



wooden furniture



metal tools



drinking water



glass window

Science Knowledge Organiser - Materials

Key Vocabulary

smooth	Smooth objects have no lumps or bumps.
bendy	Bendy things can be bent easily into a curved or folded shape.
not bendy	If something is not bendy , it can't be bent easily into a curved or folded shape.
waterproof	If something is waterproof , it keeps water out. It keeps things dry.
not waterproof	Not waterproof materials let water in.
absorbent	If something is absorbent , it soaks liquid up.
not absorbent	If something is not absorbent , it does not soak up liquid.
transparent	Transparent objects can be seen through.
opaque	Opaque objects can't be seen through.

Key Knowledge

Materials:



brick



fabric



paper



stone



paper books



brick houses



fabric clothing



stepping stones