

St Saviour's Catholic Primary and Nursery School



Subject: History

Topic: Castles

Year: 1

What should I already know?

- Familiar with what a castle may look like.
- Kings and Queens may live in a castle.

What am I going to learn?

- Castles were built to control the surrounding area.
- Castles were built to defend against enemy attack.
- Castles were built to launch weapons to attack enemies.
- Finding out who built the first castles in the UK.
- The features of Norman castles.
- The structure of medieval castles.
- Finding out who lived in medieval castles.
- Discovering how common people were treated in medieval times.
- Exploring how the Tower of London's uses have changed over time.



Vocabulary

Castle: A large strong building, or group of buildings, designed to protect the people inside from attack.

Arrow loop: A narrow vertical slit in a castle wall from which arrows could be fired.

Barbican: Part of the outer defence of a castle. Used to help defend a gateway into a castle.

Battlements: Found at the top of a castle's walls, with openings to shoot through and raised sections for protection.

Drawbridge: A bridge, which can be raised and lowered, often found over a castle's moat.

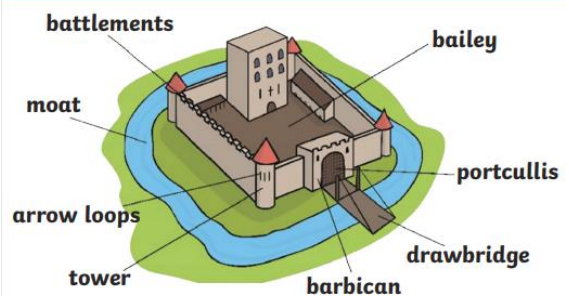
Moat: A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, often filled with water.

Tower: A tall narrow building forming part of a castle. portcullis A strong, heavy spiked barrier that can be lowered to block an entrance.

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.

Parts of a Castle



Useful Websites

[Castles - KS1 History - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Castles and Knights: The Features of a Castle - BBC Teach](#)