



Title of topic - Life in a Castle!
Topic focus: History and Art

Year 2 - Autumn Term 2

This is the knowledge organiser for our topic. It includes all the learning outcomes, key facts and vocabulary.
 Please share this with your child to help them develop their knowledge and understanding of our topic.

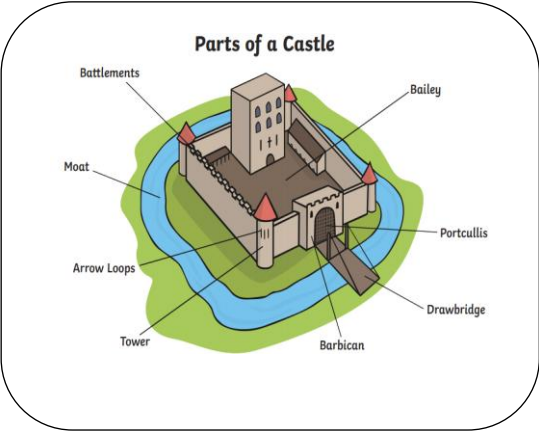
Key facts
 Castles were built to:
 Control the surrounding area and defend against attack from enemies.



Key vocabulary
 battlements
 moat
 bailey
 tower
 portcullis
 drawbridge
 keep
 motte
 turret
 defence
 royalty
 noble
 William the Conqueror
 king
 garderobes
 reign
 heir
 descendant

Key facts
 The first castles in England were built by William the Conqueror and the Normans when they invaded in England in 1066.
 They needed a quick, easy and sure way to defend all the land they'd just won, and castles helped them to this.

Key facts
 Daily life was busy within a castle. There were many different job roles within the castles and life was very different back then!



Key facts
 A castle is where a lord or noble such as a king or queen lived. They used to use earth and timber to build castles but then changed to stone.
 A bridge is a structure built over a road, river or railway that allows people or vehicles to cross from one side to the other. Bridges can be built from a range of materials.

Key facts
 There are different types of castles in the United Kingdom. They were built at different times and developed over many years. We will learn about motte and bailey castles and stone castles.