



Year 2 Autumn Term 2

Towers, Tunnels & Turrets

History: Castles & Castle Life



Key Vocabulary	
Castle	a type of home that was built to protect the people inside.
Century	100 years
King	A male ruler of a country who usually
Kingdom	A place ruled over by a king or queen.
Queen	A female ruler of a country who usually inherits her position and rules for life or the wife of a King.
Protect	To keep safe from harm or injury.

Key Facts	
What makes a castle a castle?	Castles are a type of home whose main job was to protect the people inside from invaders.
How are castles different from homes we live in today?	Castles are much bigger than most houses today and lots of people lived in them. Our houses are designed for comfort. A castle's main job was to protect the people inside safe from attack.
Where might I find a castle in the UK?	There are castles all over the United Kingdom. When building castles, people tended to pick high places close to water.
Who lived in castles and what was their life like?	People who lived in the castle included lords, who were in charge, as well as soldiers to defend it from enemy invaders, and even cooks and cleaners to keep everyone fed and tidy up.
What different types of castle are there?	There are three main types of castle: motte and bailey castle, the stone keep castle, and the concentric castle.

This half term, our Big Question is...

Why did people build castles?

Motte and Bailey	Stone Keep	Concentric castle
A castle built on a hill or mound with an enclosed area to live in.	A castle known by their big central tower called the keep.	A castle with 2 or more walls around the central tower.
		

Where does it fit in to the big story?



Castles have been around for a very long time! The castles we are learning about were generally built after the year 1066. That's when the Normans came to Britain, and needed strong fortresses to defend them.



What do we already know?

So far...

You have spotted old and new things in a variety of contexts such

You have used appropriate vocabulary such as before, after and a long time ago to describe when things happened.

You have talked about why objects were different in the past

Key Date

1671

Colonel Blood tried to steal the crown jewels from the Tower of London

