



Year 1 History: Castles

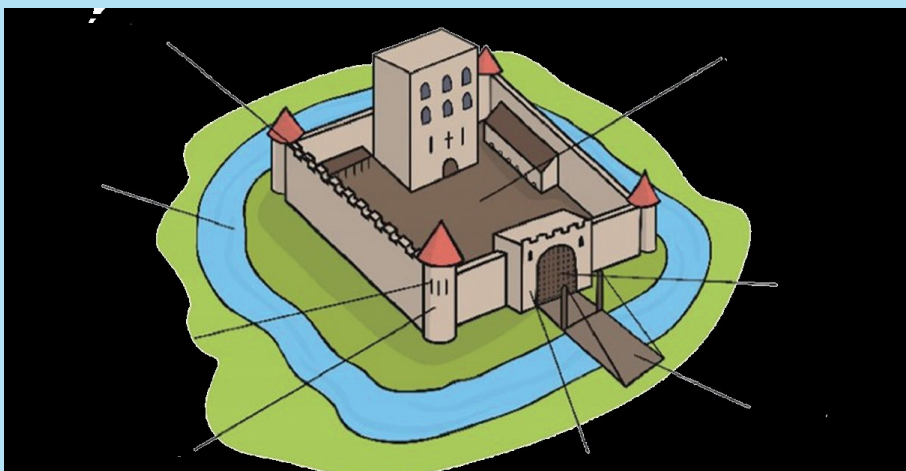
Things you should already know;

- Know some similarities and differences between things in the past and now.
- Understand the past through settings, characters and events encountered in books read in class and storytelling.

New Learning for Year 1

- To know who built the first castles and why
- To find out about UK castles that were built by the Normans.
- To find out about the structure of medieval castles
- To find out about the people living in medieval castles and the names of some of the Kings and Queens.
- To find out about how the common people were treated
- To find out about how the Tower of London's use has changed over time.
- You will compare aspects of life in different periods

Can you label all the parts of this castle?



Key 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.
medieval	Middle ages
Normans	Ruled England after the Anglo Saxons
defend	Protect from danger

Useful website: <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/castles/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbsydm/articles/z6bpm39>

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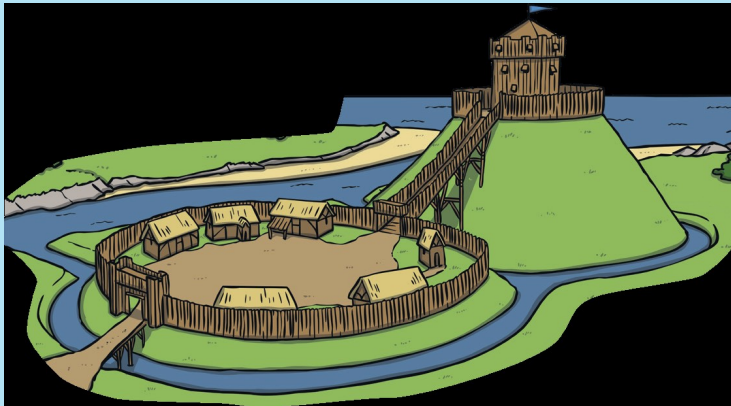
Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. It is open to visitors throughout the year. William the Conqueror began building at Windsor around 1070. It took 16 years to build. It has since been the home of 40 monarchs.

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Why were castles built?

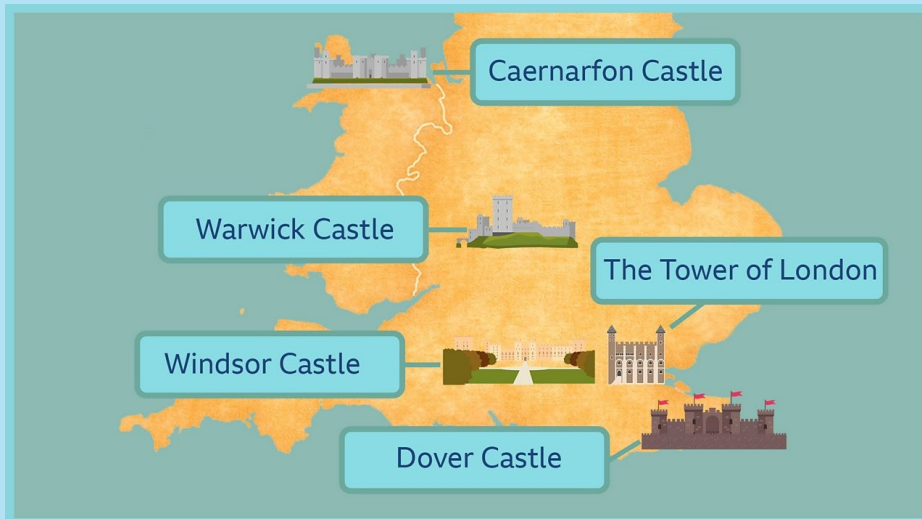
- To control the surrounding area
- Defend against enemy attack
- Launch weapons to attack enemies



The first proper castles that were built in England were Motte and Bailey castles. They were built by the Normans after their invasion in 1066. The Normans came from France. Motte and Bailey castles were usually built from



Can you name this local castle? Have you been to it?



This is a Keep Castle and was built from stone. They took much longer to build.

