



What should I already know?

- Know that **kings** and queens live in castles.
- Experienced castles as part of their role-play.

Vocabulary

army	large group of soldiers
attack	to hurt or injure others
battlement	low wall at the top of the castle – gaps to shoot through
Battle of Hastings	important battle between English army and Normans
conquer	win or overcome something
defend	protect something
drawbridge	a bridge on the castle- moves up, down or to the side to let vehicles pass
enemy	group of people who are on the other team
gatehouse	small building near the gate
invade	enter by force - wanting to conquer something
king	a man who rules the country
keep	safe place to be if the castle was under attack
Medieval	middle ages- it was a long, long time ago
moat	wide ditch around walls of the castle
Normans	people who live in Normandy , in France
Normandy	Normandy is in France
portcullis	heavy iron gate at the entrance of the castle
tower	tall part of the castle - gave a better view of attackers
soldier	a person who fights for their country
surrender	to give up

Historical Skills and Enquiry

- To find out who **invaded** England.
- To name the different types of castles.
- To describe the main features of a castle and their purposes.
- To name some people who lived in **medieval** castles and explain what jobs they would have had to do.
- To explain what the Tower of London was used for in the past and what it is used for now.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Who are the Normans?

- The **Normans** are people that come from **Normandy** in France.
- They were the first to build castles in the UK.
- William, Duke of Normandy and his army won England in the **Battle of Hastings** in 1066 – he was then known as William the Conqueror.
- William had **conquered** the south of England and became **king** of England.
- William built castles to keep his **soldiers** safe and to show his power.

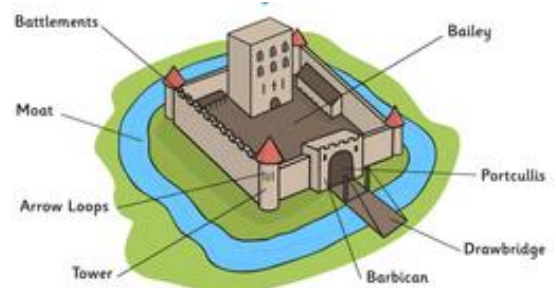
To name the two types of castles.

- Motte and bailey – wooden castles, and quick to build but the wood would rot and could easily be set on fire.
- Keep and bailey – stone castles, longer to build and the walls were 5 metres thick making it harder to **attack**.

To name parts of a castle and their purposes.

- **Battlements** – stone wall with gaps in to shoot arrows through.
- **Towers** – gave a better view of their **enemies**.
- **Moat**- a ditch around the castle making it harder for **enemies** to get to the castle.
- **Keep** – safe place to be if the castle was under **attack**.
- **Gatehouse**- small building by the gate
- **Portcullis**-strong iron gate that could be lowered in front of the door.
- **Drawbridge**-the bridge that lets vehicles pass.

Diagram



Tower of London