

Castles



Curriculum Links:

- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally
- The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements
- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality

Key Facts:

- Castles were built to defend. Normally important people such as royalty, lords or nobles lived inside of them.
- There are a number of roles in a castle such as: knights, squires, stewards, cooks etc
- Castles were often positioned on hills or near water as it was a good location to spot approaching enemies.
- Castles have been built for around 900 years.
- Castle defences included ramparts, bastions and arrow loops.
- There are two key types of castles: Motte and Bailey and Keep and Bailey.
- Henry VIII was King of England in the 16th Century. He famously had six wives and enjoyed looking powerful. He started the Church of England.
- Henry VIII liked to show his wealth, he built many palaces and castles. He transformed Leeds Castle into a magnificent home for his first wife—Catherine of Aragon.



Key Vocabulary

Battlements	The wall around the top of a castle with regular spaces in it which people can shoot through
Drawbridge	A bridge that can be raised or brought down in order to protect a castle
Moat	A hole dug all the way around a castle, usually filled with water, to make it more difficult to attack
Portcullis	A strong gate of bars with points at the bottom that hangs above a castle entrance which can be brought down to close the entrance to enemies
Ramparts	A large wall built round a castle to protect it
Turrets	A small circular tower that is part of a castle

Possible trips/visits: We should already know:

- * Hever Castle
- * Leeds Castle
- * Deal Castle
- * Hampton Court

- Make comments about familiar situations in the past
- Identify similarities and differences about the past