



Title of topic - Life in a Castle!

Topic focus: History and Design and Technology

Year 2 - Summer Term 1

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.



knight

Key vocabulary

battlements

moat

arrow loops

bailey

tower

portcullis

drawbridge

keep

motte

turret

defence

royalty

noble

William the Conqueror

Isambard Kingdom Brunel

Industrial Revolution

engineer

bridge

burrow

garderobes

reign

heir

descendant

Key facts

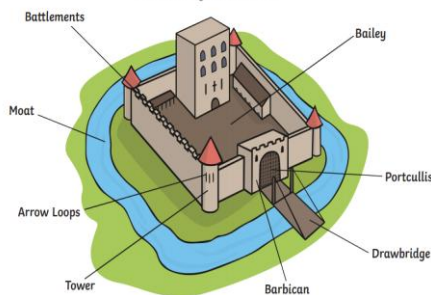
The first castles in England were built by **William the Conqueror** and the Normans when they invaded in England in 1066.

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

Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806-1859) was one of the most inventive engineers of the 19th century. He is responsible for building some amazing structures.

Parts of a Castle



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.