

# Year 1 Castles and Knights - History

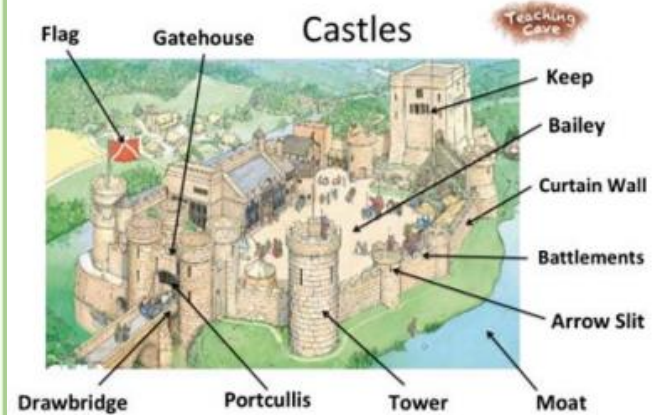


## Key Vocabulary

<b>William the Conqueror</b>	William The Conqueror won the Battle of Hastings in 1066 beating King Harold and became King of England.
<b>Knight</b>	A man who works for the Lords and Kings.
<b>Battlement</b>	The open space in a castle wall from which to launch weapons at the enemy.
<b>King</b>	Male ruler of a country.
<b>Queen</b>	Female ruler of a country.
<b>Past</b>	Something that has happened already.
<b>Present</b>	Something that is happening now.
<b>Lord and Ladies</b>	The people who lived in castles and had plenty of money.
<b>Keep</b>	Fortified tower built within castles for defence.
<b>Turret</b>	A small tower built on the castle, at the corner or on top of a larger tower.
<b>Tower</b>	Built into castle walls, or around the outside of the keep. They were first built square, but round towers were actually harder to destroy because they didn't have corners.
<b>Drawbridge</b>	A bridge that can be lowered or raised to enter and exit the castle.
<b>Portcullis</b>	A strong iron gate that can be raised to allow the drawbridge to be lowered.
<b>Moat</b>	A deep ditch that surrounds the castle. It can be filled with or without water.
<b>Bailey</b>	The outer wall of the castle.
<b>Defend</b>	Protect from danger.

## Motte and Bailey

These castles were built first because they were quick and cheap to build. King William needed castles as soon as possible to defend his new crown. They were made out of wood. It has been said that nearly 1000 motte and bailey castles were built by the Normans.



## Sticky Knowledge:

- The Battle of Hastings took place in 1066.
- William the Conqueror won the Battle of Hastings and became the king of England.
- Some basic parts of a stone castle: drawbridge, moat, turrets and arrow slits.
- Robin Hood is a legendary character who is famous for breaking in and out of the walls of Nottingham Castle.
- Nottingham Castle was once a wooden motte and bailey castle, then a stone castle and now it is a mansion.