



St Leo's and Southmead  
Catholic Nursery and Primary  
School

Year  
One

# History- Castles Knowledge Organiser

Summer  
Term II

## Amazing Activities

Build castles outside using cardboard boxes and recreate a battle.

### Key Concepts

Who invaded England?

Where the main battle between William and Harold took place?

Ask questions to find out more information.

Identify and name 'motte and bailey' castles and 'keep and bailey' castles.

Find similarities and differences between the castles.

Why castles were important for the Norman invaders?

Describe the features of a castle.

Find similarities and differences between the castles.

Why castles were important?

Say some of the people who lived in a medieval castle.

Name some of the different jobs in a medieval castle.

Say who was powerful in medieval times.

Say why the peasants did not think the tax was fair.

Explain what the taxes were used for.

Compare how taxes were spent in medieval times and how they are spent now.



Motte and bailey castles were quick to build and were made from wood.



Keep and bailey castles took longer to build. They were made from stone.

### Challenge:

Design a castle of your own, labelling features you have learnt about a  
  
Castle.

### castle



A castle is a strong building. An important person such as a king or a ruler would have stayed there. They used the castle to keep themselves, their army and the people they ruled over, safe from attacks.

### Skills

- Place castles and events in chronological order.
- Use phrases common to the passing of time.
- Find answers to the simple questions about castles.
- Describe similarities and differences between castles.
- Ask and answer basic questions about castles
- Talk, draw and write about castles
- Understand key features of events
- Identify some similarities and differences between ways of life in the past.

### Curriculum Links

Science- materials

Geography- local castles

English- role play castle battle., write a castle job advert

DT- structures and shields

### Key Vocabulary

Castle, battlements, drawbridge, dungeon, great hall, keep, moat, parapet, portcullis, arrow slits, spiral staircase, armour, tower, turrets, Normans, motte and bailey, keep and bailey, battle, peasants, medieval, taxes.