

What's it all about?

Castles are **a type of home that was built to protect the people inside**. People who lived in the castle included lords, who were in charge, as well as soldiers to defend it from enemy invaders, and even cooks and cleaners to keep everyone fed and tidy up. They could be very crowded places to live. We are going to find out all about the people who lived in the castle and what their job was. We will also find out about how the castles were protected by the knights. We will finish this topic with our own castle banquet.

Questions to ask

- Are there any castles or castle ruins located in the North East or nearby that we can still visit today? How many can you name?
- What was the role of a knight in the castle?
- What armour did knights wear?
- What is a coat of arms?
- What are the different parts of a castle called?
- Who used to entertain the King and Queen in the castle?

Books and Rhymes

- Charlie Stinky Socks
- King Jack and his Dragon
- Mike the Knight books
- Non- Fiction books about castles
- Winnie's Midnight Dragon

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Castles often have Kings, Queens and Heroes living in them. Many stories talk about dragons that live near castles.

Dragons are big monsters that have scales all over their body to protect them. They can fly with leathery wings and breathe fire. Many stories talk about how dragons defend treasure and how heroes must battle the dragon.

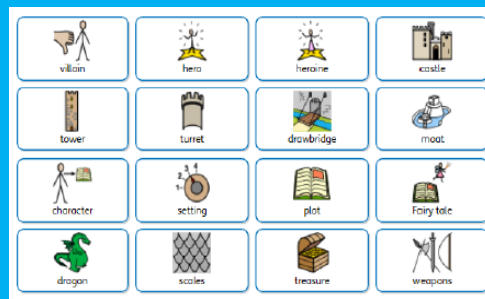
Castles are big structures made of stone. They have turrets and towers so soldiers can defend them and keep them safe.

At a medieval banquet, the top table was where the king and important guests sat. The king's favourite people sat to his right.

Castle toilets were very smelly. Clothes were hung there to stop moths from eating them. That is why the toilets were called 'garderobes'.

A knight was a medieval soldier. They wore armour and rode on horseback. Knights were important people in medieval England. They had to be rich to afford the expensive armour and strong horses needed for battle.

Key Language



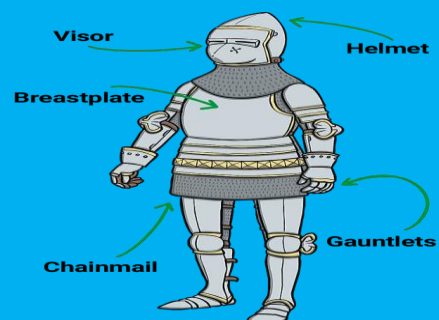
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Make your own castle.

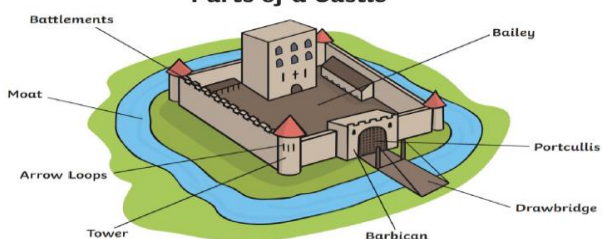
Explore it more at home

Read some castle stories with your child. Visit one of the many castles in the north east and take some photographs.

Parts of a Knight's Armour



Parts of a Castle



Investigation Station

Making a catapult and testing how efficient it is. Investigating coats of arms and designing their own.

What's it all about?

We live on planet Earth. It is the home of billions of creatures. The Earth is a fragile place that can be damaged by people. We have to keep it safe and healthy. We will be finding out about all of the different ways we can help to do this.

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Ways in which we can save the planet

We get everything we need from Earth including our food, clothes, shelter and medicine. If we use everything up there will not be enough for anyone else.

If we cut down trees, they won't be able to help us breathe and animals will have nowhere to live. This is called deforestation.

If we litter or rubbish is put in rivers or the sea, the water will become polluted and make animals and people sick.

Plastic objects like bottles need to be recycled as they can not decompose by themselves. Plastic can make animals very sick.

Books and Rhymes

Someone swallowed Stanley
The day they cleaned the Ocean
George Saves the World by Lunchtime

Key Language

environment	earth	planet	climate
climate change	global warming	human	energy
preserve	oxygen	nature	protect
deforestation	pollution	plastic	recycle

Explore it more at home

Recycle all of the rubbish that you produce.

PLASTIC Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars <p>No pumps Please empty</p>	METAL Cans <p>Please empty</p>
GLASS Bottles and jars <p>Please empty</p>	PAPER All paper, cartons and cardboard <p>Flatten cardboard</p>

Powerful Plastic Facts

- 50 years ago, we used 20 times less plastic than today.
- The amount of plastic that humans use every year weighs the same as 30 million elephants.
- Most types of plastics are man-made.
- There are many types of plastic.
- Many are made from oil.
- On average, each Australian will use about 60kg of plastic packaging a year.
- One plastic bottle takes roughly 450 years to break down.
- Plastic bags are killing over 100,000 marine animals and birds every year.
- Every hour, Australians dump 429,000 plastic bags into landfill. That is 7,150 bags every minute!
- A 60W light bulb can be powered for 6 hours by recycling just one plastic bottle.
- Only 3% of plastic bags are recycled worldwide.

Recycled plastic can be used to make:

plastic lumber	fleece	bin liners	plastic bottles
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HOW LONG UNTIL IT'S DECOMPOSED?

IF ONE BOTTLE OF WATER MADE IT INTO THE SEA, HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE TO FULLY DECOMPOSE?

- TOILET ROLL: 1 MONTH
- PLASTIC BAGS: 10-20 YEARS
- DRINKS CANS: 200 YEARS
- GLASS: 4000 YEARS
- DIAPERS: 450 YEARS
- CIGARETTES: 10 YEARS
- FISH HOOKS: 600 YEARS
- CARDBOARD: 2 MONTHS
- SOME PLASTICS NEVER

THIS HAS TO STOP

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Can you make a model of your choice or a picture using some of the recycling from your home?