



Topic: Castles	Year: 1	Term: 3
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Background Information

The children will have learnt that Long Sutton is a town and a town is smaller than a city.

The children will have learnt that London is the capital city of England. It has many famous buildings including Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament.

The children have found out about the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos

Interesting facts

Castles are a type of home. The people who lived in castles were usually kings, queens or lords and their families.

There would also be soldiers, cooks, cleaners and other people who lived inside and helped to look after and protect the king, queen or lord.

Castles were designed to keep the people inside safe and to stop enemies from getting in. The parts of a castle (specifically Lincoln Castle) included the keep, towers, drawbridge, turrets and moat.

Originally castles were made from wood not stone.

They were built on hills so that the people inside could see the enemy coming.

It was important that the castle walls were very high.

This made it harder for attackers to climb over the walls

The UK is made up of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Each country has a capital city (England—London, Scotland- Edinburgh, Northern Ireland- Belfast and Wales- Cardiff).

Each capital city in the UK has a castle (Tower of London, Edinburgh Castle, Belfast Castle and Cardiff Castle).

Ireland is split into Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The following seas surround the UK—The North Sea, The English Channel, The Irish Sea and The Atlantic Ocean.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle.
Keep	A keep is a type of rectangular tower on the castle
Turret	Turrets are small towers built on top of a tower or wall in a castle.
Battlements	Battlements were the square-shaped part of the walls around the top of the castle.
Arrow Slits	Soldiers could see and shoot arrows through these thin gaps in the wall, without getting shot.
Drawbridge	A drawbridge was used as a way to prevent or allow people in or out of the castle. It led from the castle gateway, over the moat, to the other side.
Portcullis	At the entrance to the castle, there was a portcullis covering the door. It was there to protect the door from being set on fire or being bashed in by enemies. It could be lifted to let people in or out of the castle.

Know how to / Activity

Using 2D shapes to create an image of a castle.

Make a crown fit for a king or queen

To find the UK on an atlas / globe

What special items are kept in the Tower of London?