

## History

## Year 1

## Strand: Castles

### What should I already know?

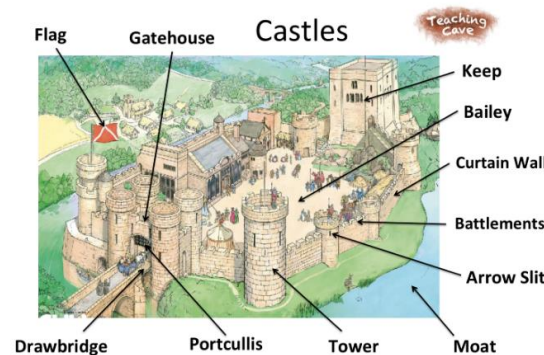
Basic knowledge of different fairy tales, being introduced to castles as story settings.  
Exposed to fiction and non-fiction books about castles.  
To know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.

### Wow moment

Visit Clitheroe castle.

### Important facts

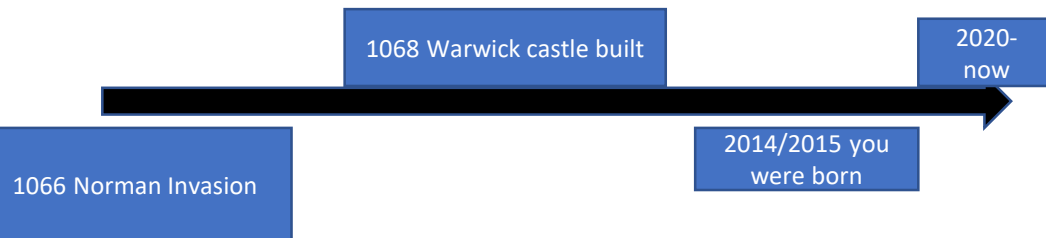
**What is a castle?** A castle is a type of home that was built to protect the rich people inside. **Who lived in a castle?** A long time ago, Kings and Lords lived in castles with their families. They were rich people who had lots of money. **Why were castles built?** Castles were built to protect the rich people inside. **Where were castles built?** Castles were often built on hilltops and by water to make them easier to defend. **What do castles look like?** Castles are usually made from stone. They have tall walls and towers.



### Vocabulary

**Castle** - A large building, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and in many cases a moat.  
**Attack** - Fight with weapons or force  
**Defend** - Protect someone or something against attack.  
**Location** - A particular place or position  
**Fertile land** - Land capable of producing lots of crops.  
**Moat** - The moat was a deep trench or ditch that was dug all around the outside of the castle walls then filled with water.  
**Drawbridge** - A bridge which is hinged at one end so that it may be raised to prevent people crossing or to allow vessels to pass under it.  
**Bailey** - The bailey was an inner courtyard in the middle of the castle.  
**Arrow loops** - Arrow loops, or slits, were narrow slits cut into the stone walls and used to shoot arrows through.  
**Battlements** - Battlements were the square-shaped parts around the top of a castle.  
**Barbican** - The barbican was a section of wall which jutted out around the gateway. Its main job was to add strength to the gatehouse.  
**Portcullis** - The portcullis was a very heavy gate made of metal and very strong wood.  
**Tower/keep** - A circular or square building used for a lookout and defence.

### Timeline



### Historical skills and enquiries

To understand the history of medieval castles:  
Who are the Normans?  
Who lived in castles?  
Where are castles built?  
Can you describe the structure of a castle?