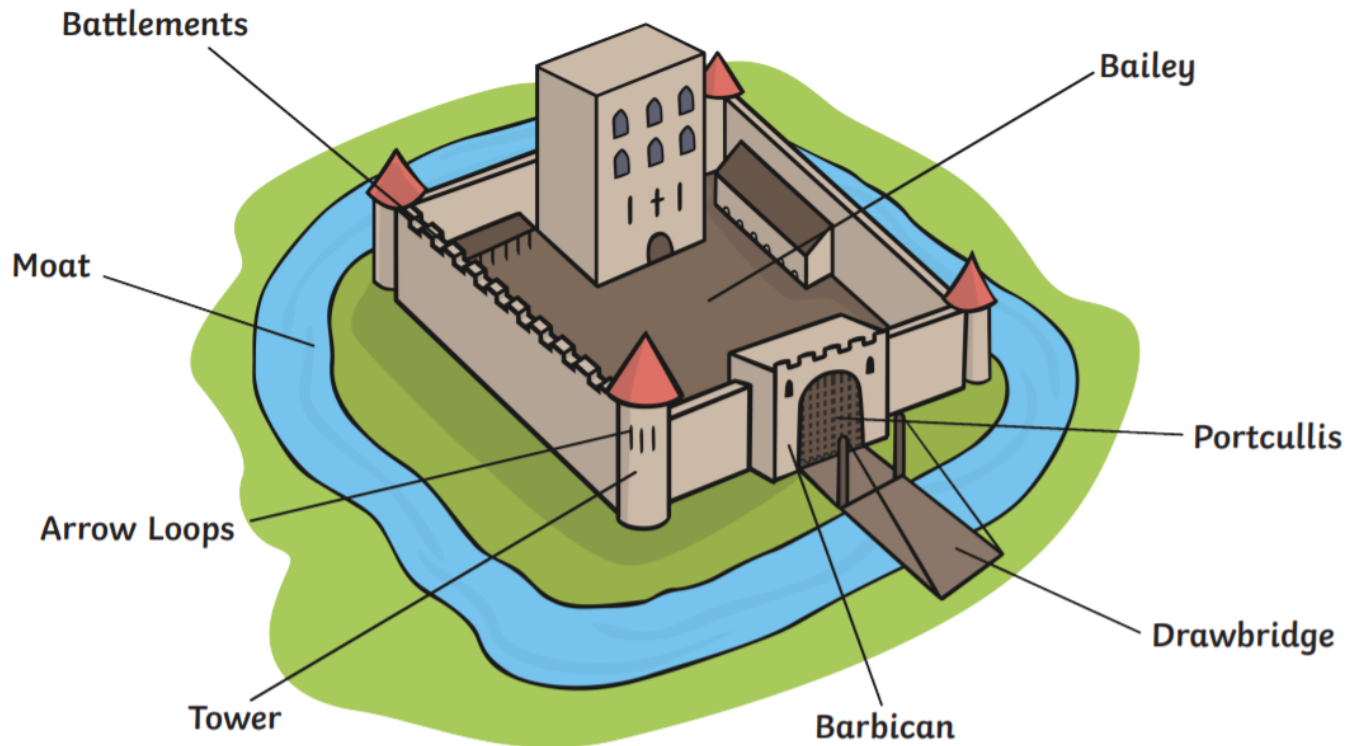


Year 1 Knowledge Organiser

Parts of a Castle



Key Vocabulary

Drawbridge	A bridge that can be raised or brought down in order to protect a castle from attack or allow big boats to go under it.
Portcullis	A strong or heavy grating that can be lowered down grooves on each side of a gateway to block it.
Bailey	The outer wall of a castle or the courtyard within a castle.
Battlement	A parapet at the top of a wall that has regularly spaced square openings.
Moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle or fort and is intended as a defence against attack.
Arrow Loop	A narrow hole in a castle wall that archers can launch arrows through.
Tower	A tall, narrow building.
Barbican	A double tower above a gate or drawbridge.
Fortress	A large, strong building or group of buildings that can be defended from attack.

A castle is a large, strong building, built in the past by a ruler or important person to protect the people inside from attack.

Did you know?

Key Facts

Castles were first built in Britain by the Normans from France.

The word castle comes from a Latin word meaning fortress.

It is believed as many as a 1000 Motte and Bailey castles were built by the Normans.

The most important part of a castle is its Keep.

Castles were often built on a hilltops or surrounded by water to make them easy to defend.

Castles were dark and cold but offered protection enemies.



Coat of Arms

A visual design representing the individual or family. It often takes the form of a shield.