

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: Castles and Knights



Has the world always been like this? What happened before me?

Who were knights and what did they do?

What is a castle and how was it used?

Did other things happen before me?

We will be:

- Designing and building our own castle with turrets and drawbridges
- Finding out facts about Knights, Castles, Kings and Queens
- Visiting a castle
- Role play Knights, Kings and Queens
- Designing and making our own shields



Watch the video about features of a castle

Key information:

Knights served and protected the King and Queen. Sometimes they would have to go into battle.

Castles were built to provide protection – they were big and strong with lots of places to hide, such as turrets and dungeons.

A drawbridge was the door to the castle and it needed to be lowered to allow people to cross the water around the castle – this was called a moat.

Knights used a shield to protect themselves – they were usually made of metal and had patterns or designs on them.

Key vocabulary:

- Castle
- Armour
- Dungeon
- Drawbridge
- Turrets
- Fortress

- Shield
- Arrows
- Battle
- Knights
- King and Queen

Use the sketchpad to design a shield



LEARNING MAP



Previous Learning

Development Matters – Three to Four Years:

Begin to make sense of their own life story and family's history

Linked Texts



The knight and the dragon – Tomie de Paola

The kiss that missed – Karen Brar

Knights and Castles – Usborne

[BBC iPlayer - CBeebies Bedtime Stories - 739. Sir Sam Mendes - The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight](#)

Future Learning

Key Stage One –History:

Chronology

Historical enquiry



Horizons



Create a fact book about Knights and Castles

Find e-books about Knight and Castles

Learning at home



Can you find a fact about Knights or Castles?

Can you build a junk model castle?

Can you create your own shield or design a pattern for one?