



Eden Park Primary School Knowledge Organiser



The Powerful Knowledge we will take away from this Learning Enquiry (what will be learning)

- What is a castle and why were they built?
- The features of castles – turrets, battlements, arrow slits.
- The materials that were used to build castles and how they have changed over time.
- What life was like, living or working in a castle.
- William the Conqueror and his impact on castles being built.

KEY FACTS:

- William the Conqueror built castles very quickly once he became King.
- He built them to keep safe from attack and control the English quickly.
- Castles were a show of strength and defiance.
- Totnes castle was built because of William becoming King.
- Castles are still built today and are stately homes for many people.
- Castles are built on hills, near water usually (sea or rivers) so making use of natural defence features.

Focused Literacy texts

Knights by Annabelle Lynch (non-fiction)



Our Key vocabulary

| Word | Meaning | Image |
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| coat of arms | A family shield with symbols. | |
| invasion | To enter another country as an enemy and use force. | |
| influence | To change something in an important way. | |
| settlement | An agreement to solve a conflict. | |
| tower | A tall, narrow building. | |
| drawbridge | A bridge which can be raised to stop people entering the castle. | |
| gatehouse | A strong building over the gateway to a castle. | |
| turrets | Small towers built on top of towers or walls in castles. | |
| Motte and Bailey Castle | A castle consisting of a fort on a motte (hill) surrounded by a bailey (enclosed courtyard). | |
| keep | The heart of the castle. Where the king/queen/lord would go if the castle was under attack. | |
| catapult | A weapon to throw rocks or other things such as hot tar, that would cause damage to something else | |