

# Years 1 and 2 – Castles and Dragons



## Vocabulary

monarch	a person who reigns over a kingdom or empire
motte	hill – defensive mound of earth
bailey	courtyard. A larger walled area
moat	Area of water surrounding a castle, often ditch like and used as a form of defence to stop invaders
Earl	Earl is a rank of the nobility in the United Kingdom. The title originates in the Old English word eorl, meaning "a man of noble birth or rank"
trebuchet	a machine used in medieval siege warfare for hurling large stones or other missiles.
drawbridge	A bridge built over a castle's moat to act as a defence to intruders
palisade	a fence of wooden stakes or iron railings fixed in the ground, forming an enclosure or defence

### As Historians we will...

Recognise why people did things, why events happened and what happened as a result- Why did William The Conqueror build Motte and Bailey castles?  
 Identify differences between ways of life at different times – What would it be like to lie in a castle?  
 Compare two versions of past events – Queen Elizabeth II coronation

### As Geographers we will...

Recap on some universal vocabulary: castle, town, village,  
 Recap on some basic physical geographical vocabulary to refer to: forest, hill, mountain, river, soil, valley  
 Use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the UK.  
 Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our local area- Warwick/Kenilworth castle

By the end of this unit, I should know.....

Castles  
 Castles: I know why most castles were built on a hill or higher ground.  
 I know most castles are made of stone.  
 I know and can explain the terms moot, bailey, moat, palisade and drawbridge  
 I know where the moat is and why a castle has one. .  
 I know where the arrow loops are and why castles have them  
 Life in a castle  
 I know a castle is where kings and queens live or lived.  
 I know some job roles of people who live in a castle.



Warwick Castle



Queen Elizabeth II



Alfred The Great



Kenilworth Castle

### Early castles



## Knowledge

**Motte and bailey** Motte and bailey castles appeared in England after the Norman Conquest of 1066. They were a common feature in England by the death of William the Conqueror in 1087. Their construction was the start of what was to become a massive castle building programme in England and Wales.

### Anglo- Saxons

The Anglo-Saxon age in Britain was from around AD410 to 1066. They were a mix of tribes from **Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands**. The three biggest were the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes. The land they settled in was 'Angle-land', or England.

### William the Conqueror

William was born in Normandy in France. After King Edward the Confessor died in 1066, Harold II was made king by the people, but others fought for the throne and this led to the famous Battle of Hastings where William the Conqueror defeated King Harold to become king of England in 1066

### Richard Neville

**16th Earl of Warwick** (22 November 1428 – 14 April 1471), known as **Warwick the Kingmaker**, was an English nobleman. He became Earl of Warwick through marriage, and was the wealthiest and most powerful Englishmen. One of the leaders in the Wars of the Roses, originally on the Yorkist side but later switching to the Lancastrian side, he was instrumental in the deposition of two kings, which led to his epithet of "Kingmaker".

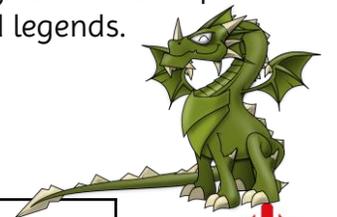
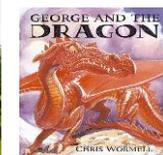
### Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II – Born 21<sup>st</sup> April 1926  
 Elizabeth became queen on **February 6, 1952**, and was crowned on June 2, 1953. She is the mother of Prince Charles, heir to the throne, as well as the grandmother of Princes William and Harry. She is the longest reigning monarch this year marks her 70<sup>th</sup> year.

### trebuchet



Dragons are mythological creatures found in artwork, stories and legends.



### Royal Family

I know our Queen Elizabeth II lives in a castle called Windsor Castle.  
 I know that the queen had her coronation in June 1953  
 She no longer lives at Buckingham Palace  
 I know that our Queen has reigned as the longest reigning monarch for 70 years