🏰 Year 1 Home Learning: Castles

🌟 Your Challenge

We are learning about **castles** in history. Try one (or more!) of the activities below at home.

🧱 Activity 1: Build Your Own Castle



Use things you already have at home, such as:

- Lego, Duplo or building blocks
- Cardboard boxes, tubes or recycled materials

✅ Your Task:

Build a castle and try to include some of these features:



- **Towers** – tall parts to look out from
- **Battlements** – the 'zig-zag' top walls where soldiers stood
- **Moat** – water around the castle to keep enemies out
- **Keep** – the main strong building in the centre
- **Bailey** – the courtyard inside the walls
- **Portcullis** – a strong gate that opens and closes
- **Barbican** – an extra gate for protection
- **Arrow loops** – thin windows for shooting arrows

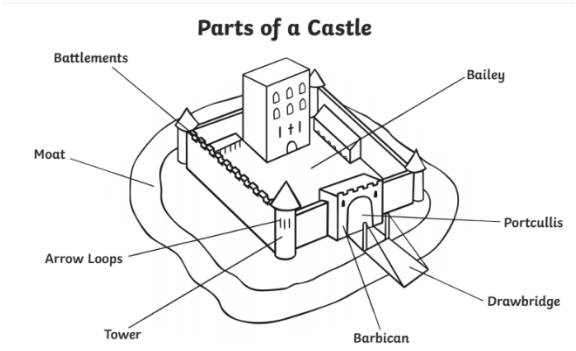
👉 If you can, label your castle with small pieces of paper.

🎨 Activity 2: Draw and Label a Castle

Draw a castle and label as many parts as you can.

Try to include:

- Tower
- Keep
- Moat
- Battlements
- Arrow loops
- Portcullis
- Bailey
- Barbican



⭐ **Challenge:** Can you explain what each part is used for?

🏠 Activity 3: Inside a Castle





Castles had many different rooms.

✅ **Draw the inside of a castle and include:**

- **Great Hall** – where people ate meals together
- **Kitchen** – where food was cooked
- **Lord and Lady's bedroom** – where the important people slept
- **Garderobe** – the toilet!
- **Storeroom** – where food and supplies were kept
- **Dungeon** – where prisoners were kept



👉 Label each room in your drawing.

🔍 Activity 4 (Optional): Research Task

(Only if you have internet access or books)

Find out:

- What jobs did people do in a castle?
  (e.g. knight, cook, guard, jester)
- Can you find any castles in the UK?

⭐ You could draw or write about:

- A castle you found.
- A job you think you would like in a castle.

💬 Talk About It

Ask someone at home:

- Why were castles built?
- Who lived in castles?
- How did castles keep people safe?