

**Key Knowledge:**

**What is a castle?**

A **castle** is a large building fortified against attack with thick walls, **battlements**, **towers**, and in many cases, a **moat**.

**What are the key parts of a castle?**

**Battlements** – Battlements were the square shaped parts of the walls around the top of the castle. Soldiers could shoot arrows through the gaps.

**Bailey** – The bailey was an inner courtyard in the middle of the castle walls.

**Moat** – The moat was a deep trench or ditch that was dug all around the castle, then filled with water.

**Portcullis** – The portcullis was a heavy gate made of metal and very strong wood. It could stop people leaving or coming in.

**Arrow loops** – Arrow loops, or slits, were used to defend the castle from invaders. They were used to shoot arrows through at attackers.

**Drawbridge** – A drawbridge was a way to prevent or allow people on or out of the castle. It could be lowered or raised over the moat.

**Tower** – The tower was a circular or square building which was used as a lookout for defence.

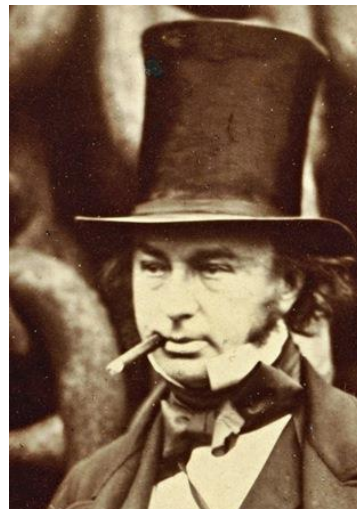
**Barbican** – The barbican was a section of wall used to strengthen the gatehouse.

**Turrets** – The turrets rested on the main towers and were used to see far across the land to look out for enemies attacking.

**Key Vocabulary:**

<b>Castle</b>	A large building, typically of the <b>medieval</b> period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and in many cases, a moat.
<b>King</b>	Male ruler of a country. Can be husband to a <b>Queen</b> .
<b>Queen</b>	Female ruler of a country. Can be wife to a <b>King</b> .
<b>Lord and Lady</b>	Important people of high rank who run and own the castles. <b>Lords</b> are men and <b>Ladies</b> are women.
<b>Social rank</b>	Order of importance of jobs and roles.
<b>Taxes</b>	Money given to the government to help rule the country.
<b>Medieval</b>	Period of time between the 11 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> century.

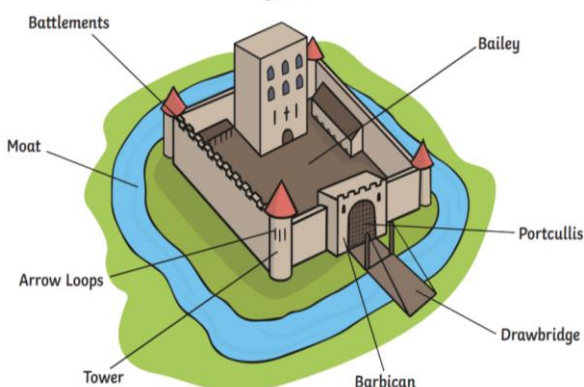
**Significant People:**



**Isambard Kingdom Brunel –**

- Famous engineer.
- Built ships, bridges and railways.
- Born in 1806 during the British Industrial Revolution.
- Died in 1859.

**Parts of a Castle**



**Historical Skills and Enquiry:**

- Research into different types of castles and what the different parts are used for.
- Learning about life in the past and comparing this to life in the present day, looking at both similarities and differences.