

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.

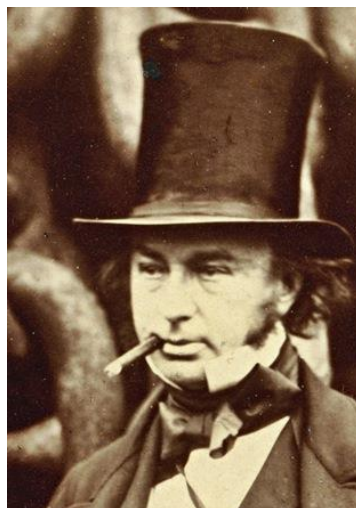
Barbican – The barbican was a section of wall used to strengthen the gatehouse.

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:

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

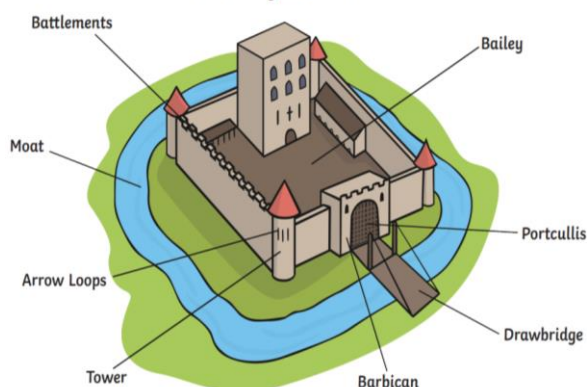
Significant People:



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.