

# Emscote Infant School Knowledge Organiser Year 2 History



## Summer Term Castles

### I already know...

There are similarities and differences between life in the past and life now.

### Vocabulary



**Battle of Hastings** - a fight for the crown of England between William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold II.

**Bayeux Tapestry** - a long piece of cloth on which the events of the Battle of Hastings have been sewn.

**keep** - a tower built within a castle.

**moat** - a deep ditch surrounding a castle that is filled with water.

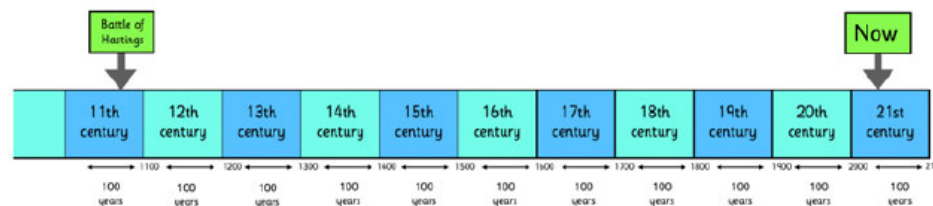
**battlements** - a wall around the top of the castle with spaces in it for weapons to be fired from.

**drawbridge** - a bridge that can be raised to protect a castle from attack.

**portcullis** - a strong iron gate that can be lowered in front of the entrance to the castle.

### Timeline

The **Battle of Hastings** took place over 950 years ago. This is beyond living memory.



The **Battle of Hastings** was fought in the **11th century**, in the year **1066**. The success of William, Duke of Normandy, marked the start of **Norman Britain**.

### Key Facts



- The **Normans** built the first castles in the UK.
- The first type of castle they built was made from wood and quick to build. This was a **motte and bailey** castle.
- Later, stronger castles were built using stone - these were called **stone keep** castles.
- The **feudal system** began in Norman era. Peasants worked the land for the their lords in exchange for a place to live and protection.

### Sources



We can use these **sources** to find out about castles in the past.



paintings



books



artefacts



historical sites

### Enquiry questions



We can ask **questions**.

- How do we know about castles in the past?
- Why did William the Conqueror build castles?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of a motte and bailey castle and a stone keep castle?
- What was life in a castle like?

### Enquiry skills



We can compare and contrast different types of castles:



motte and bailey castle



stone keep castle