

Year 1 History Spring: Who was Queen Matilda?

To continue our enquiry of “How does learning about the past inspire the future?” we will focus on the story of Queen Matilda and the castle she escaped from. We will develop our children’s understanding of what life was like for people in medieval times.

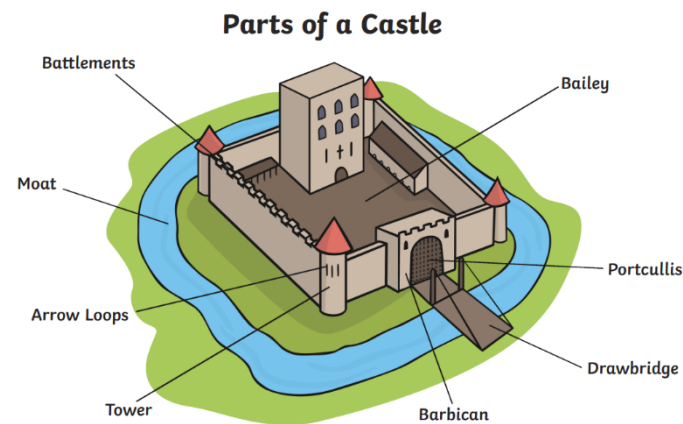
Key skill: I can identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods

We will be able to:

- Identify the parts of a castle
- Explain who Queen Matilda was and why she was in a castle
- Identify people who lived in castles
- Explain how people lived in medieval times

To deepen our learning we will:

- Investigate what else knights did other than protect castles
- Learn about and timeline other English Queens
- Compare our lives to medieval times



Key Vocabulary

Queen	An important member of the royal family who rules a country.	Armour	A costume made from metal to protect knights and soldiers.
Knight	A man who fought for the king or Queen, often on a horse.	Medieval	A long time ago, from 500AD to 1500AD
Castle	A big, strong building, built to protect the people inside from attack.	Queen Matilda	Queen of England from 1141 to 1148