



Year 2 – Summer 2 – Castle Quest

Castles

In this unit we will be learning about Motte and Bailey Castles and Stone Castles. We will identify their features and understand their purpose. We will look closely at Warwick and Kenilworth Castle.

History

Key Questions

- Why are castles important?
- What are the features of Motte and Bailey castles?
- What are the features of Stone castles?
- What was life like in a castle?
- How is Kenilworth Castle different to Warwick Castle?

Timeline

1028 – William the Conqueror was born.

October 1066 – The Battle of Hastings – William the Conqueror defeated Harold to become King of England.

1068 – William the Conqueror builds Warwick Castle.

1120 – Kenilworth Castle is built.

Key Vocabulary:

castle

A large, strong building built to protect people inside from attack.

Motte and Bailey

A castle built on a hill (motte) with a courtyard inside (bailey)



moat

A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, usually filled with water.



keep

The main tower inside a castle.



palisade

A strong, wooden fence surrounding a castle.



portcullis

A strong, heavy gate hung above the entrance to a castle.



drawbridge

A bridge that can be raised and lowered at the entrance to a castle.



timber

Wood used for buildings – used for castles before Stone.



defence

Providing protection against attack from enemies.



Warwick

A town in central England - home to Warwick Castle.



ruins

The remains of a damaged building.



Home Learning Suggestions

- Make a model Motte and Bailey castle – can you include all the different features?
- Visit a castle with your family or research one on a computer. What other castles did William the Conqueror build?