

Geography and History Knowledge Organiser: Castles

Key Vocabulary	
Bayeux Tapestry	The Bayeux Tapestry tells the story of the Battle of Hastings.
Motte and Bailey	A Motte and Bailey was an early castle built from wood on a raised area of ground.
Moat	A moat is a deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle to defend against attack.
Capital City	City or town where the government of the country is.
Human Features	A feature added by humans. For example, a castle.
Map	A map shows the layout of land.
Physical Feature	A feature formed by nature. For example a cliff or river.

Knowledge Outcomes:

- I know that early castles were built by the Normans.
- I can identify and name parts of the structure of Medieval castles.
- I understand why some castles were built on hills.
- I understand which physical land features make a castle easier to defend.
- I can name and locate UK capital cities and their castles.
- I understand how the Tower of London's use has changed over time.
- I can devise a simple map and use and construct a simple key.



William the Conqueror sailed from France to England in 1066.



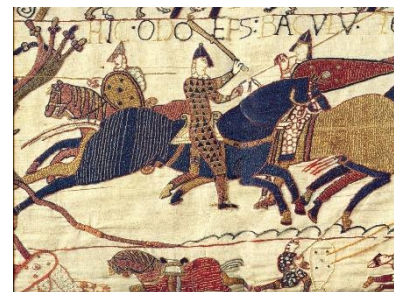
Map of the United Kingdom

There are **4 countries** in the UK.

England
Wales
Scotland
Northern Ireland

They all have a **capital city**.

London
Cardiff
Edinburgh
Belfast



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Castles were built on and around different land features to make them easier to defend.



EYFS LINKS

Communication and Language: Listening, Attention and Understanding.

Learn new vocabulary.

Use new vocabulary through the day.

Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.

Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences.

Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives.

Describe events in some detail.

Use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities explain why they might happen.

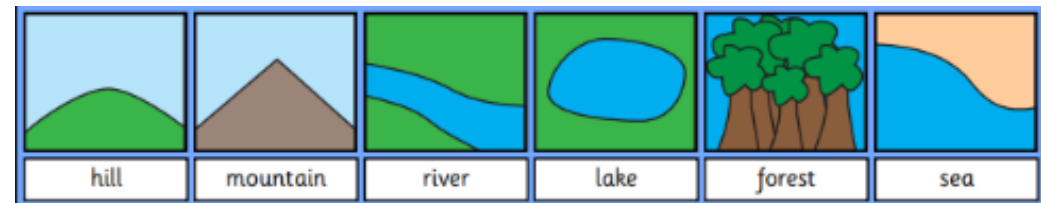
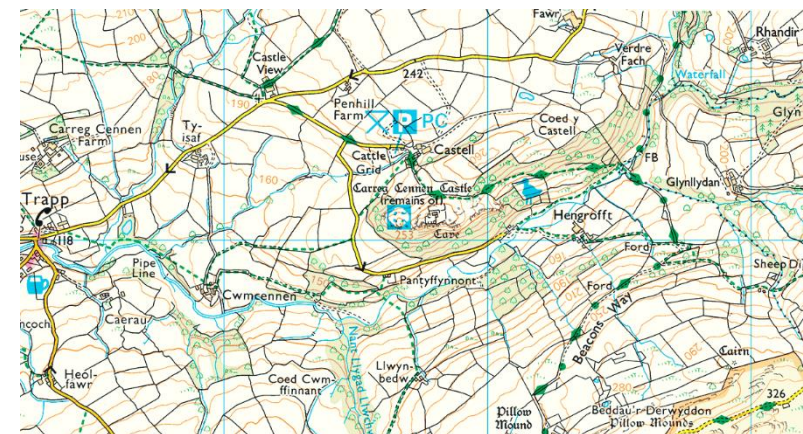
Understanding the World: Castles

Explore the natural world around them, making observations.

Observe different castles built in different environments.

Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

Develop an understanding of the different physical features around them such as hill, river, and cliff.



hill

mountain

river

lake

forest

sea