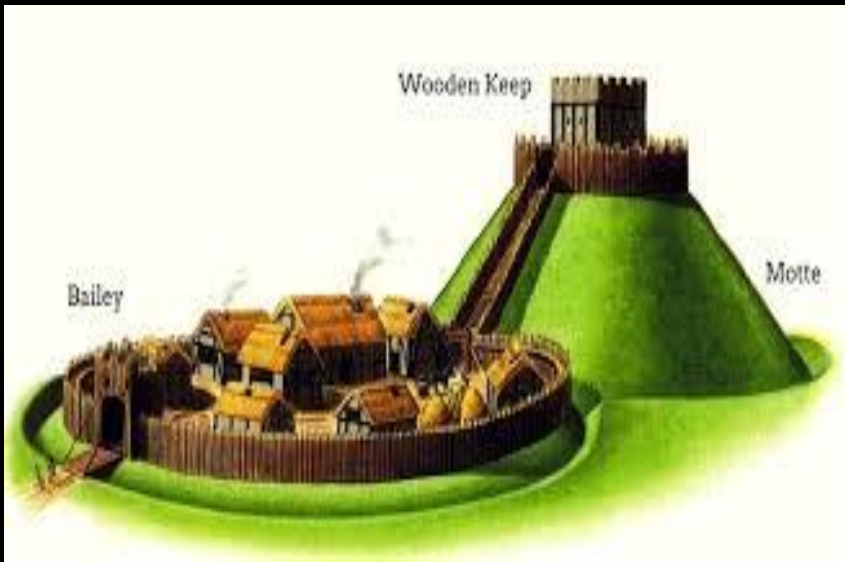




YEAR 2'S REPORT ON CASTLES

Autumn Term 2019

DO YOU KNOW HOW
MANY DIFFERENT TYPES
OF CASTLES THERE ARE?



1. MOTTE and BAILEY castles

- They were made out of wood and were the first types of castles to be built.
- They are on a hill, this is called the MOTTE. The BAILEY is at the bottom of the hill, protected by a wooden fence.
- They were built in 1066.
- They could be attacked easily because if it rained they would get wet and if they used fire arrows they would burn down easily.
- There are small houses in the Bailey. They were made of straw and wood.

2. STONE KEEP CASTLES

They had a stone keep, usually high on a hill, surrounded by a deep moat and a thick curtain wall.

This made stone keeps harder to attack.

These castles were built in 1070.

At the top of the castles were the battlements where the archers would fire their arrows onto the knights below.

Knights would stand on top of the battlements ready to fight with their swords and shields. Knights would wear chain mail to protect them from getting stabbed with a sword.

Knights would stand at the arrow slits to fire arrows. The arrows were thin and narrow.



3. CONCENTRIC CASTLES

A concentric castle has two walls. They were first built in 1210. Lots of the castles had moats with water in them to stop attackers from getting across.

The inner walls of the castle were higher than the outer wall so that the people were protected from the enemies.

Drawbridges could be raised to stop attackers from getting into the castle and stealing all the gold and jewels.



WHO LIVED IN A CASTLE?

- King Henry VIII lived in a castle in London.
- Lady Isabelle and Lord Hamlyn lived in Conisbrough Castle over 900 years ago. We know they were very rich because they had sinks and fireplaces in their castle. They were very expensive to build and Lord Hamlyn had one in each room.
- Lord Hamlyn had a chapel in his keep so he didn't have to walk into the village.
- Bess of Hardwick lived in Manor Lodge, Sheffield.
- Mary, Queen of Scots had to ask for permission before she could do anything.
- Mary, Queen of Scots was a prisoner there and was very bossy. She tried to kill Queen Elizabeth I so she was beheaded at the Tower of London.

WHERE SHOULD YOU BUILD A CASTLE?

- On a hill?

- It is hard for the enemies to get up to.
- The soldiers can see for miles around as they are high up.
- Arrows can be fired from the battlements or through the arrow slits.
- Armour is heavy so they will get tired walking up the hill.
- You would have a good view and you would be able to see if enemies were coming to attack your castle.

- Or in marsh lands?

- Your castle might sink!!
- Soggy materials around the castle.
- No fresh water
- Animals can't live nearby

CASTLES THEN AND HOMES NOW

Similarities

Both have windows (no glass in a castle)
Toilets (hole in the floor)
People live in them
Stairs
Space to play in

Differences

Drawbridges
Moats
Roofs (keeps do)
Arrow slits
Battlements
We don't clean our toilets – grown ups do!
We don't have a curtain wall

MAKING A CASTLE AND A PULLEY

- We designed our castle first and decided which castle we wanted to make, labelled the castle and thought about the materials that we would need.
- We used cardboard to make a castle.
- We could choose to make any of the three types of castles:
 - Motte and Bailey
 - Stone Keep and
 - Concentric
- We used cardboard boxes for the keeps and the turrets.
- To make a pulley we:
 - Wood
 - String
 - Wool
 - Cotton reels and
 - Card
- We used a pulley for the drawbridge or the portcullis.
- Come and have a look in Class 5 and 6 at our castles.



WE HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED
OUR REPORT ON CASTLES.

- Over and out Class 5 and 6.