

Knowledge Organiser: History Year 2

Key Vocabulary:

defend

attack

invade

king

queen

rule

Normans

William the Conqueror

Elizabeth I

Elizabeth II

trebuchet

siege tower

battering ram

turret

moat

ramparts

drawbridge

portcullis



This half term, children will be learning about the structure of castles, who lived and worked there and how they were defended and attacked. Children will gain knowledge of two significant queens, past and present: Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II.

Key Knowledge:

A castle is a type of home from the past that was built to protect the people inside from their enemy **invaders**.

A castle is made up of many different parts, not just one building.

The main building inside the castle is the **keep**, which was protected by walls and towers.

Castles were often built on hills so that enemies could be seen approaching from a distance. **Trebuchets**, **siege towers** and **battering rams** were used by enemies.

The first castle in England were built by the **Normans**, who **invaded** and conquered England.

The **Normans** built castles to help them **defend** the land that they had just conquered.

William the Conqueror had some of England's most famous castles built, including Windsor Castle and the White Tower at the Tower of London.

Early castles were made from wood, but they could be easily destroyed by fire.

Later castles were built of stone which was stronger and harder to destroy.

Queen Elizabeth II is our **queen** and she lives at Windsor castle.

Queen Elizabeth I was imprisoned by her sister in the Tower of London when she was a princess. She lived at Windsor castle when she was **queen**.

