



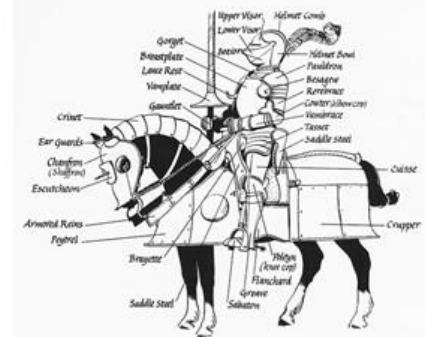
# Reception - Spring Term 2 - Knights and Castles



## The Big Question

When castles were built, were they made for just the King and Queen to live in?

| Knights and Castles                            |                                                                              | Key Focus                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 1                                              | What are castles and why were they built?                                    | Why were castles built? What era of history were they being built and used? Have a look at castles around the world, can you see similarities and differences between them? |
| 2                                              | How did people live in castles?                                              | How did people use castles. How is this different to the way we live today?                                                                                                 |
| 3                                              | What are the different parts of a castle?                                    | What are the different parts of a castle called and what are they used for?                                                                                                 |
| 4                                              | What are family coats of arms?                                               | What values are represented within family coats of arms and how are they represented? What would you have on your family emblem?                                            |
| 5                                              | How do people train to become a knight?                                      | How do you become a knight? What age and jobs prepare you to become a knight and what skills should you have?                                                               |
| 6                                              | What kind of protective clothing does a knight wear and why do they need it? | What is armour? What are the different pieces of protection called and what does it protect?                                                                                |
| What kind of castle would you like to live in? |                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                             |



## Sticky Key Vocabulary

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| Turret- a little tower often at a corner of a building                                                       | Castle- a large building or group of buildings usually having high walls with towers and a surrounding moat for protection                 | Moat- a body of water around a castle or town to keep people out       |
| Drawbridge- a bridge that can be raised up so that people cannot cross it or so that boats can pass under it | Knights- a warrior of olden times who fought on horseback, served a king, held a special military rank, and swore to behave in a noble way | Portcullis- a heavy iron gate that can be lowered to prevent entrance  |
| Shield- a broad piece of armor carried on the arm to protect oneself in battle                               | Squire- a squire is someone training to be a knight. Often used as a knight's servant.                                                     | Suit of armour- a covering (as of metal) to protect the body in battle |

