

# Castles Vocabulary – Year 1

## Key Vocabulary



**Battlements** a parapet at the top of a wall, of a castle, that has regularly spaced squared openings for shooting through



**Drawbridge** a type of movable bridge at the entrance to a castle or tower surrounded by a moat



**Portcullis** is a heavy sliding gate found in castles, consisting of a latticed grille made of wood or metal



**Turret** a small tower on top of a larger tower or at the corner of a building of a castle



**Moat** a deep ditch surrounding a castle, filled with water and intended as a defence against attack.

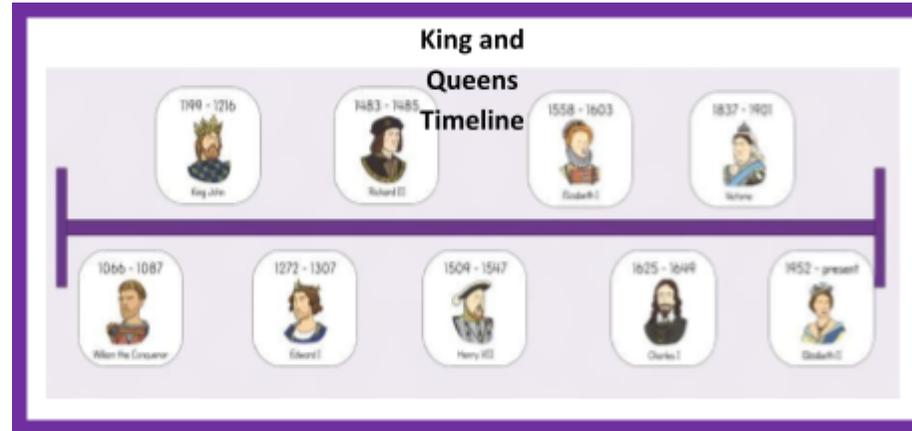


**Gatehouse** an entry control point that is usually at the front of the castle and houses the Constable.



**Ramparts** a defensive wall of a castle having a broad top with a walkway and typically a stone parapet.

**Monarchy** - A person who reigns over a kingdom or empire such as a king or queen.



Many other people lived at the castle:

**The Constable** – in charge of the running of the castle

**Soldiers** – defenders of the castle

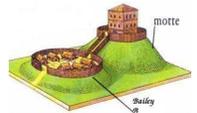
**Gong Farmer** – cleaning out the toilets and moat

**Chef** – cooking food for the family and staff

**Knights** - defenders of the castle

**Chronology** - A list of events in time order

11<sup>th</sup> century -Motte and Bailey castle



12<sup>th</sup> century – Keep and Curtain wall Castle



14<sup>th</sup> Century – Courtyard Castle



Castles were built to **defend** and **protect**.

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

The first castles were built by the **Normans** and were called **motte and bailey** castles.

Castles were only as good as their defences – these included **ramparts**, **bastions** and **arrow loop**

