



Knowledge Organiser

Year 1 Autumn Term

Castles

Key vocabulary

History: monarch, king, queen, ruler, medieval

Geography: hill, physical feature, map, key

Big Idea: Migration and Exploration

Big Question: Why did people live in castles?

Historical Knowledge (Autumn 1)

- Find out who built the first castles in the UK and why.
- Find out about UK castles that were built by the Normans.
- Find out about the structure of medieval castles.
- Find out about the people living in medieval castles.
- Find out about how common people were treated in medieval times
- Find out about how the Tower of London's use has changed over time.

Geographical Knowledge (Autumn 2)

- Find out why some castles were built on hills.
- Find out which physical land features made castles easier to defend.
- Name and locate UK capital cities and their castles.
- Devise a simple map and use a key.



Glossary

Vocabulary	Meaning
monarch	A head of state: king or queen.
king	A male ruler.
queen	A female ruler.
ruler	A person in power.
medieval	From the middle ages.
hill	A naturally raised area of land.
Physical feature	The natural features on Earth.
map	A representation of an area.
key	An explanation of what the map symbols mean.