

Year 1 - Spring 1

What's inside the Castle's walls?



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Where do you find castles?

How are our homes and castles the same and different?

Which famous castles are there in our local area and the UK?

What materials are castles made from?

Who lives in a castle?

What did people who lived in castles eat?

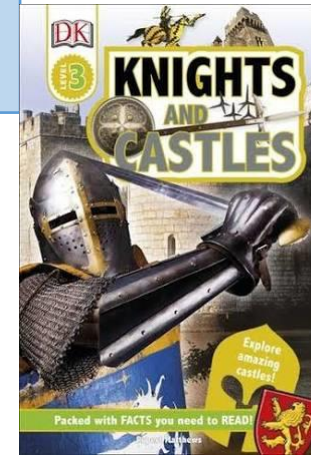
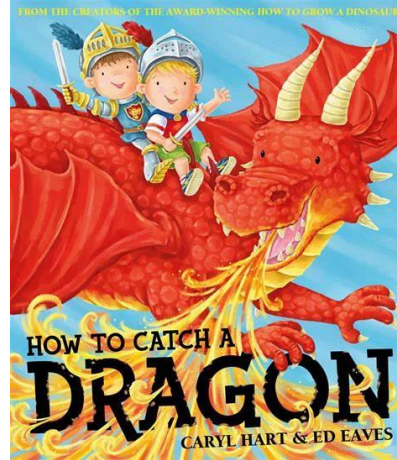
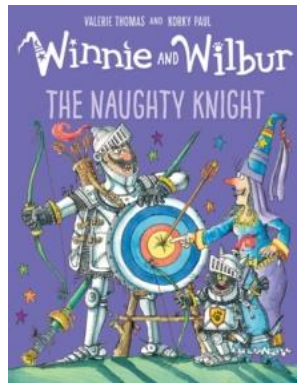
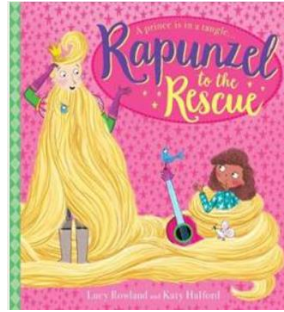
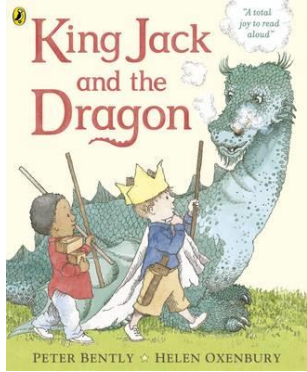
Where do different foods come from?

Why did castles have gardens?

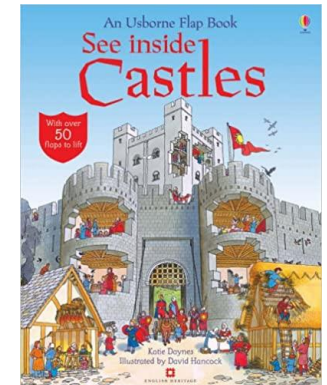
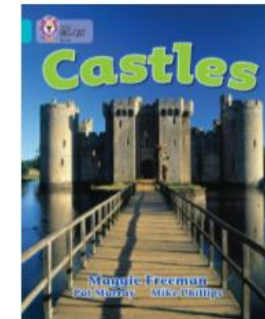
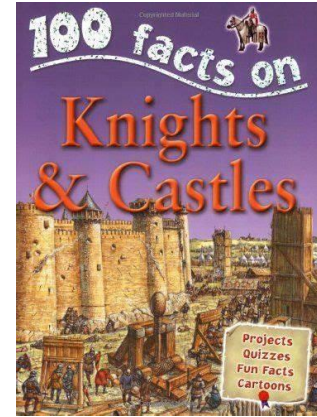




Fiction



Non-Fiction



Multi-media

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/castles/>



Quiz yourself on Castles

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z74jpv4/articles/zhrb6v4>

# Year 1 Spring term 1 Resource Hub










Core Texts

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2566987-castles-and-knights-songs-and-rhymes-powerpoints-pack>

Rhymes and Songs

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2566982-castles-and-knights-songs-and-rhymes-resource-pack>

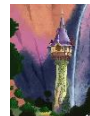
## Year 1- Subject Specific Vocabulary

<b>Castle</b>	A castle is a strong building. An important person such as a king or a ruler would have stayed there.	
<b>Battlements</b>	The battlements are the square shaped openings at the top of the castle walls. The openings were used to shoot out from and stand behind for protection.	
<b>Drawbridge</b>	The drawbridge is lowered over the moat to allow people to get into the castle.	
<b>Dungeon</b>	A dungeon is a strong prison cell, which is normally underneath a castle.	
<b>Moat</b>	A moat is a deep ditch that goes all the way around a castle. It could be filled with water. The moat makes it difficult for enemies to invade the castle.	
<b>Knight</b>	A knight normally wore a suit of armour. They used this to protect their bodies when fighting.	
<b>The keep</b>	The keep was a safe place within the castle where people could go if it came under attack.	
<b>The portcullis</b>	The portcullis is a heavy metal grid which can be lowered over the entrance to the castle to stop people getting in easily.	
<b>Arrow slits</b>	Arrow slits were used by knights to shoot out at their enemies. As the slits are long and slim, it makes it harder for enemies to shoot into them.	



Derby is famous for fine china from Royal Crown Derby.

There are castles in many fairy tales.



# Inside the castle walls!

## Famous castles



Nottingham Castle



Edinburgh Castle



Windsor Castle

## Famous people



St George and the dragon



King Arthur



King Charles



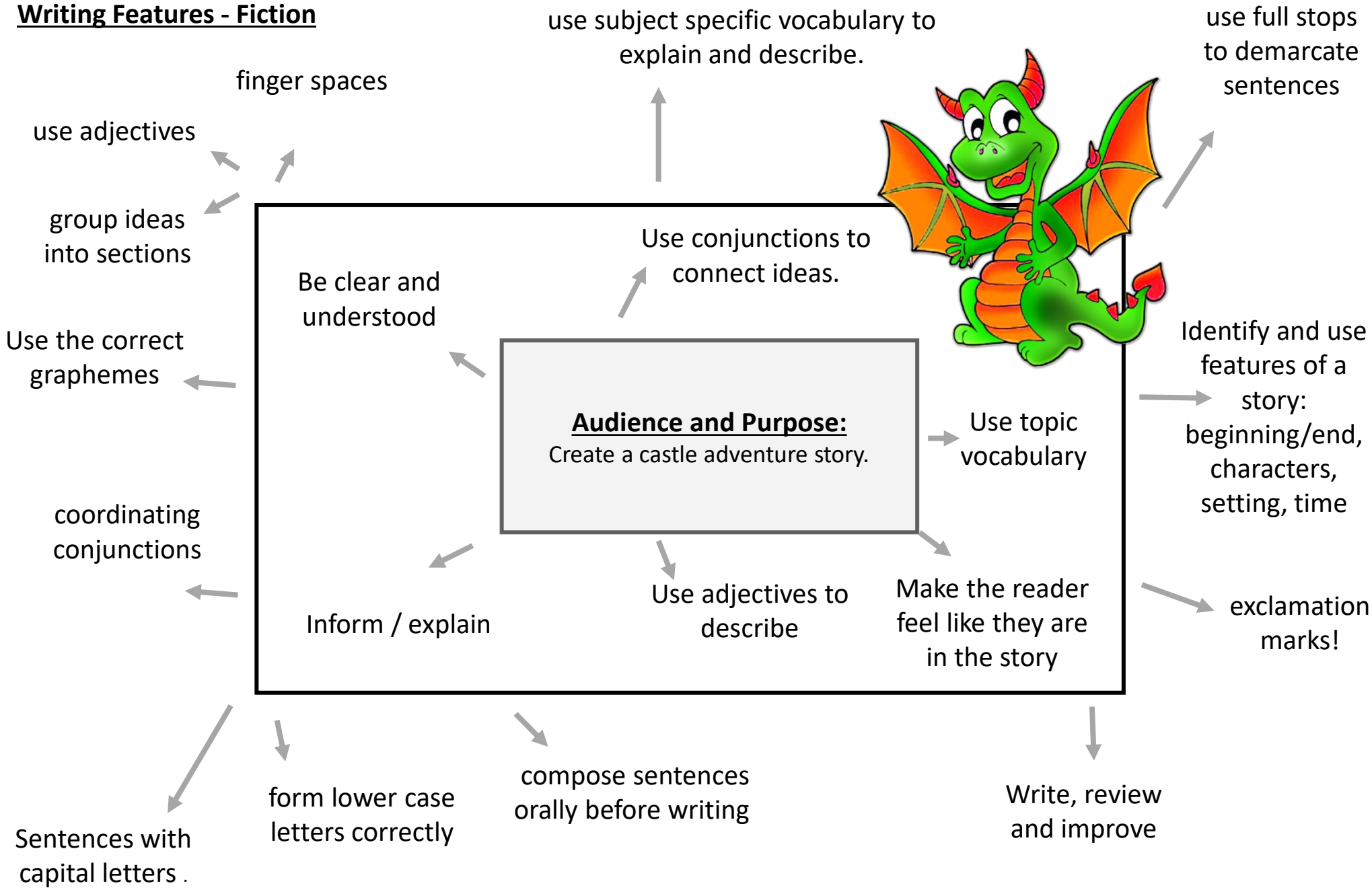
Queen Elizabeth II

I know why some objects were used in the past.

I know why some materials are used for different jobs.

I know about some people that lived and still live in castles.

**Writing Features - Fiction**





# Writing Features – Non-fiction

use subject specific vocabulary to explain and describe.

use full stops to demarcate sentences

finger spaces

use adjectives

group ideas into sections

Use conjunctions to connect ideas.



Use the correct graphemes

Write for a clear purpose

**Audience and Purpose:**  
Create a non-fiction fact file about castles and the people who lived in them.

coordinating conjunctions

Use topic vocabulary

exclamation marks!

Inform and explain

questions to find out about?

pictures/  
diagrams with description and labels

form lower case letters correctly

compose sentences orally before writing

Write, review and improve

Sentences with capital letters .

1.
  - Hook: Topic wonder box – take out an object one at a time, chn to guess what our topic might be.
  - Introduce a dragon character to set the children challenges – What is a castle and where do we find them? (local castles – Elvaston, Tutbury, Bolsover)
  - Shared reading – non-fiction - Castles PPT
  - Labelling a castle. What are the names of the different features? What are their function?
  - Write sentences about the features of a castle, what they are used for and why? What materials are castles made from? Focus- capital letters
  - Handwriting – see topic overview for weekly focus letters.

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### In English, we will be writing ...

2.
  - Shared reading non-fiction Castles text.
  - Make a word map of jobs in a castle. Go and Stand - play 'guess who'.
  - Drama - act out jobs. Freeze frame.
  - Write a job application for a medieval job in a castle – 2 days
  - Shared reading – non-fiction Castles. What did people living in castles eat?  
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/castles/food-in-castles/>
  - Medieval menu for a banquet – list of foods with pictures.
  - Handwriting

3.
  - Find out who lives in famous castles today. Learn about Windsor Castle and historical monarchs- Queen Elizabeth II. Learn about King Charles and his coronation. Drama - act out being a member of a royal family.
  - Shared reading non-fiction book about the Queen. (make link to Royal Crown Derby)
  - Write a fact file about the King (2 days)
  - Handwriting

4.
  - Shared reading Rapunzal, Princess and the Pea
  - Shared reading – How to Catch a Dragon/ St George and the dragon.
  - Plan an adventure story with a beginning, middle and end. Think of yourself as a King or Queen character, think of an additional character, problem, solution (6 sections)
  - Create a class bank of sentence starters (One sunny day, Once upon a time... and adjectives (strong, grey, scary, spooky).
  - Write the first section of your story setting the scene and introducing the characters. (2 days)
  - Handwriting

5.
  - Shared reading – How to Catch a Dragon/ St George and the dragon.
  - Write the middle section of your story using different sentence starters and adjectives from the first section. (3 days)
  - Handwriting –
  - Shared reading – castle on the hill song (Twinkl)

6.
  - Write the end of the story – what is the problem/ What is the solution? (2 days)
  - Shared reading – Fictional castle story
  - Handwriting



# We are creative

Make a shield using art and DT materials.

Sketch a person you might find in a castle.


Build a trebuchet.

Construct a castle using junk.

Design a portcullis and drawbridge.

Plan a layout of a castle.



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- Where are there castles in the local area? Elvaston, Tutbury. Locate on maps. Look at photographs on I-Pads.
  - Learn about castle features.

- Which famous castles are there in the UK? Windsor, Edinburgh, Conwy. Locate on maps. Look at photographs on I-Pads.

- Learn about those who live in a castle – the King and Royal Family. (Link to Royal Crown Derby)

## We are Superstar Learners

- Find out about what people who lived in castles used to eat. What is a banquet?
- Where does food come from? (grown in gardens)

- Learn about medieval life - look at old objects and suggest what they might have been used for.
- Find out about clothes, food, music – Vivaldi Spring music.

- Name and group materials castles are made from.
- Which materials would be best to make a flag? Predict and test.

# Let's quiz



**'Let's quiz'** is an exciting new game we have launched for the children.

At the end of every topic they will take part in a fun quiz all about what they have learnt over the half-term. You can help your child to succeed and remember what they have learnt by talking about the questions together at home.

Research says that when children repeatedly return to previously learnt information, they are more likely to **'Know and Remember More'** in the long term.

- **How many famous castles can you name?**
- **If you went to visit a castle what would you see?**
- **If you were to get a job in a castle in the past what would it be?**
- **Who might you be visiting in a castle?**
- **What stories can you think of with castles in them?**
- **Who is in our current royal family?**
- **What do you write about at the beginning of a story?**
- **Can you say the numbers that have 1 ten in them?**
- **Tell me how to be safe on the internet.**
- **What type of pottery is Derby famous for?**