



Unit of work
What is special about Beeston Castle?

Year group
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Prior learning

- Things happened before I was born.
- Things happened before my parents and grandparents were born.
- cities are very different to how they look now
- I know castles from fairy tales and films
- London is the capital city of England

National Curriculum

- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally.

Knowledge/ Skills

Castles were built for protection and also for homes of wealthy earls and kings. Virtual exploration of castles in the United Kingdom.

Locate castles near to where we live. Work in teams to design and build a castle.

Read stories about castles and use these as models for their own writing.

Interview each other for an imaginary job at a Medieval castle.

Research into significant local castles (Beeston and Peckforton)

Take aerial photographs of castle models and compare with real castles.

Learn about Motte&Bailey castles, particularly methods of attack and defense.

Use maps and atlases to discuss the best locations for building a castle.

Vocabulary and definitions

Vocabulary	definition
Castle	A large stone building
Motte & Bailey	A castle built on a raised area of ground and a large open space within the castle; it is surrounded by a protective ditch.
Attack	Using violence against someone or something .
Defend	To protect yourself from an attack.
Surrounding	The area nearby something .
Location	A particular place or position.
Turret	A small, pointed tower on top of a larger tower.
Medieval	A period of time relating to the middle ages .
moat	A deep, wide ditch around a castle that is usually filled with water.
drawbridge	A bridge over a moat that is hinged on one side so it can be raised.

Significant people

King John – ruler of England

Ranulf – Earl of Chester

Henry III

Sir Thomas Mostyn

Pictures/ timelines/ map/ diagrams

