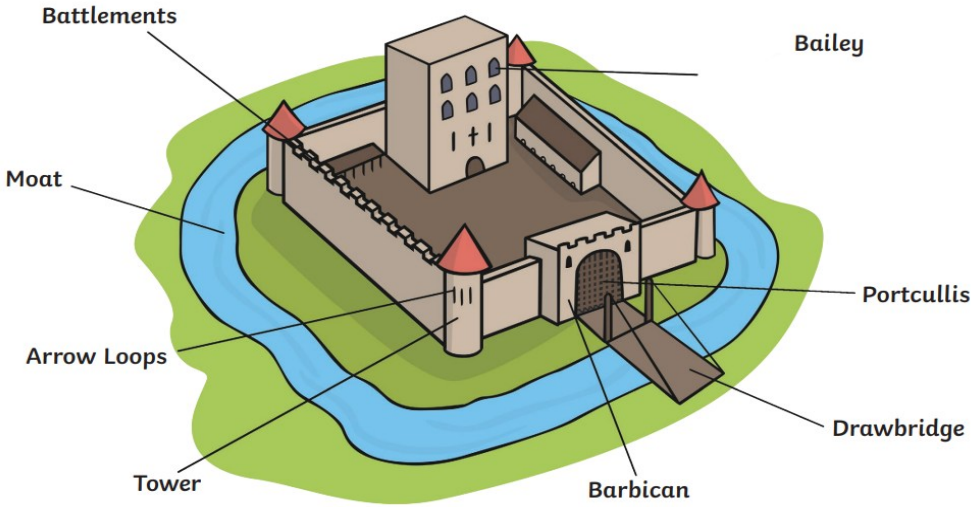
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Interesting Books

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Parts of a Castle



Castles

A castle was a type of home that was built to protect the people inside. It usually had very high walls with towers built in to defend an attack. People who owned castles were usually very rich. They included kings, queens, lords, ladies and knights. It took a lot of people to run a castle, so there were usually lots of servants and soldiers that could be found in a castle.

Subject Specific Vocabulary

Bailey	The courtyard or flat ground, inside the outer wall of a castle.
Gatehouse	The entrance to a castle.
Keep	The strong, central tower of a castle.
Moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, fort or town. It is usually filled with water as a defence against attack.
Motte	A small hill in the middle of a castle on which a fort or keep is built.
Structure	Something that has been built from parts, like a large building.

Charles II & Charles III

Charles II was the King of England, Ireland, and Scotland in the 17th century, famously reigning during the Great Fire of London in 1666. His reign marked a period of significant cultural and political change. Charles III is the current King of the United Kingdom, ascending to the throne in 2022 at the age of 73. His accession followed the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, making him the oldest new monarch in British history.





Science

Burrowing Animals

Various burrowing animals found in the UK exhibit unique adaptations for their subterranean lifestyles. These animals often have strong legs and powerful claws, which are essential for digging extensive tunnel systems. Many possess robust bodies and short, sturdy limbs, providing the necessary strength for burrowing. Additionally, a strong sense of smell and specialised snouts help them navigate and push through the soil. These adaptations ensure that burrowing animals can thrive in their underground habitats.



Badger



Mole



Rabbit

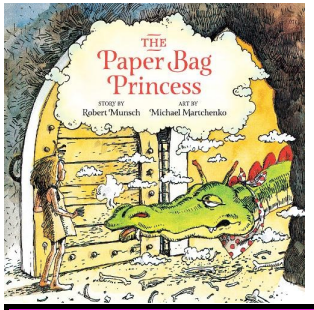
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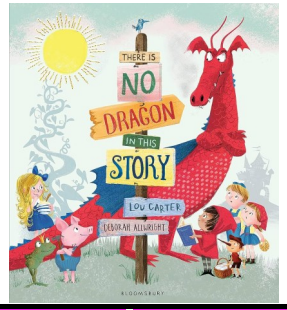
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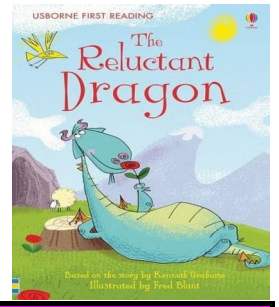
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English

There's No Dragon in this Story - Nobody wants him in their story. Not Goldilocks, not Hansel and Gretel - no one. But Dragon will not give up! He shall continue on his course of finding someone who wants him in their story.







PE

Dance and Ball Skills.

DT

Build solid structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, balanced and stable.

Computing

Use Purple Mash to learn how to code, creating simple algorithms and fixing simple problems.

RE

What does the Torah mean for Jewish people?