











Knowledge Organiser – Castles



Year 1 – History

Vocabulary		Definition
	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.

Chronology - A list of events in time order	
	11th century -Motte and Bailey castle
	12th century - Keep and Curtain wall Castle
	14th 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 loon**

Kings and Queens Timeline				
