# Castles and Knights Who was King Alfred?

#### Parts of a castle:

- The battlements provided cover . for knights shooting arrows at enemies.
- The moat slowed enemies down who wanted to climb the castle walls.
- Towers were used to keep watch.
- Knights would shoot arrows • through the arrow loops.
- The portcullis would come down and stop people entering the castle.
- The drawbridge would go down when people wanted to leave safely across the moat.

### Who was King Alfred?

- He was born in Berkshire in AD 849
- He became King of Wessex after a battle with the Vikings.
- He was known as King Alfred the Great.



He was the only English King to be known as 'The Great'.



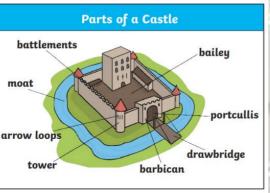


Key Vocabulary

#### Who lived in a castle?

Sticky Knowledge

- Kings and Lords built them to protect • them and their families.
- The castle was also home to cooks. • servants, blacksmiths, jesters, knights, soldiers, squires and many more people who worked there.



- After many battles, he finally defeated the Vikings in AD 871.
- He agreed to share land with the Vikings to make peace.
- He loved learning and reading books.
- He introduced better laws for his . people and built many forts.







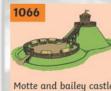
# Castles day!

To celebrate the end of our topic and all of our great learning about castles we will have a castles day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. The children can come in dressed as someone who lived or worked in a castle and take part in lots of fun activities linked to our learning.

## Home learning task:

Make a castle of your own including some of the different features e.g. a drawbridge and find out 3 facts to share with the class about castles. You can bring your castle in to share or take a photo/video and post it to Seesaw so we can see it.

	Vocabulary	Definition
And a	Castle	A large building designed to protect the people inside from attack.
	Battles	A large fight between armies.
	Battlements	Stones at the top of a castle wall for with openings to shoot through and raised sections to hide behind.
	Moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle. Often filled with water.
	Tower	A tall narrow building used as a look out to see enemies.
	Portcullis	A strong, heavy spiked gate that can be raised and lowered to block the entrance.
	Arrow loops	Thin windows in a castle which could be used to shoot arrows through.
	Drawbridge	A bridge which can be raised and lowered over a castle moat.
	Bailey	An area surrounded by the castle where the servants, knights/ soldiers lived.
	Barbican	The tower above the drawbridge which would be patrolled by soldiers.







Motte and bailey castle Stone keep motte and built from wood bailey castle

Stone keep castle with - stone curtain walls

Concentric castle

Courtyard castle - and moat