

# What have we learnt from the past?

How do we know what life was like long ago?

## Essential/Core Vocabulary

**Castle** - A big strong building where people lived a long time ago.  
**King** - A man who is in charge of a country.  
**Queen** - A woman who is in charge of a country.  
**Knight** - A soldier from the past who protected people.  
**Past** - Things that have already happened.  
**Present** - What is happening now.  
**Old** - Something from a long time ago.  
**New** - Something from now or recently made.  
**Same** - When things are alike.  
**Different** - When things are not the same.  
**Brave** - When you try something even if you feel a bit scared.

## Key Knowledge

- Castles are strong buildings from the past.
- Kings and queens are leaders.
- Today we have a king: King Charles III.
- Knights wore armour and protected people.
- St George is a story about bravery.
- King Arthur is a king from stories.
- Things change over time.

Lesson 1 - What is a Castle?

LO: To understand what a castle is.

Lesson 2 - Kings and Queens

L.O. To know that kings and queens ruled in the past and that we have a king today.

Lesson 3 - Knights

LO: To understand knights and their role.

Lesson 4 - St George

LO: To listen to and retell a story.

Lesson 5 - King Arthur

LO: To know stories from the past.

Lesson 6 - Past and Present

LO: To compare past and present.

End Point Activity: Past and Present Learning Book

Overview - Children create a simple class book or individual booklet showing what they have learned about castles and life in the past. This is supported with discussion, sorting, and storytelling.

## Links to our core values...

How do these people show love, respect and friendship to others?

How did their actions show our core values?

Can we think of ways to show our core values in a similar way?

