



# Explorers Autumn Term 2– Banquets, Balls and Battles!

## Overview, Vocabulary and Sticky Knowledge



### What do I already know?

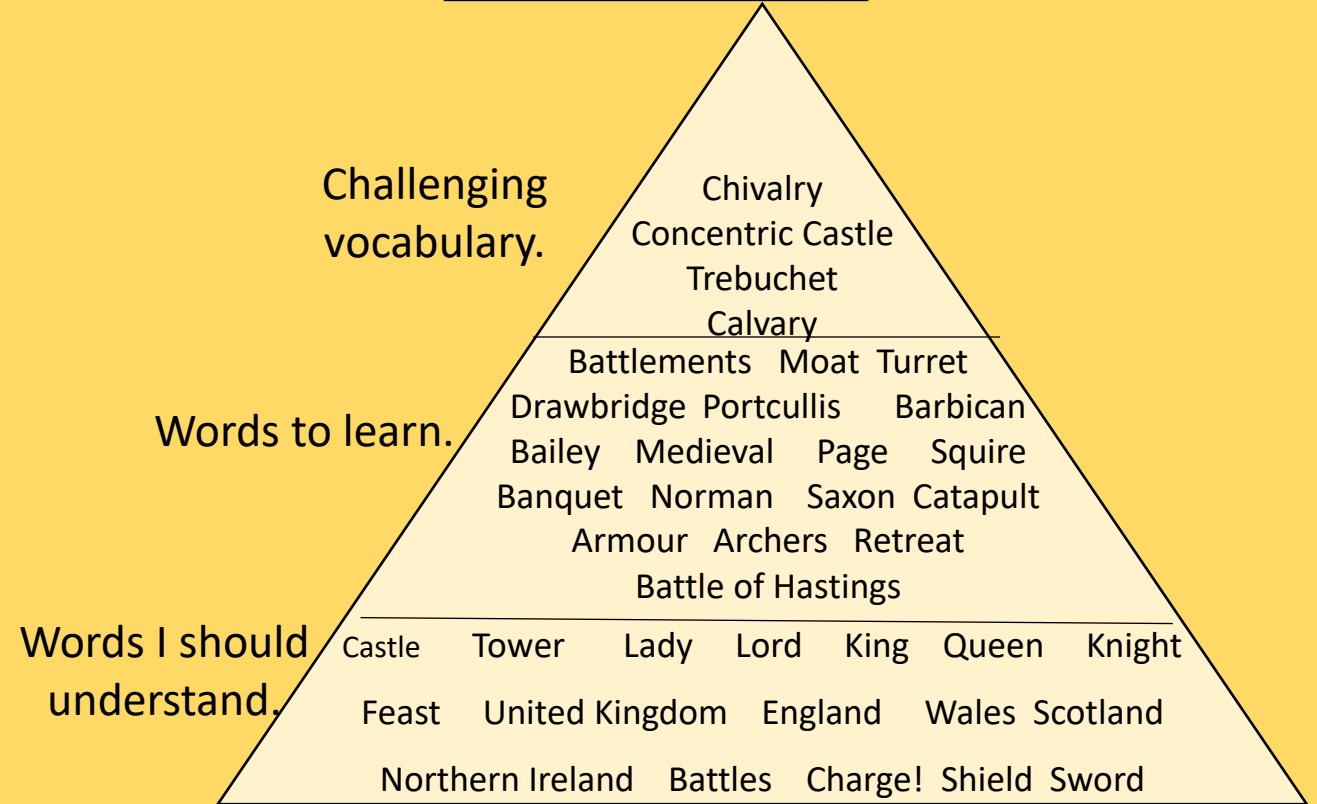
In Little Explorers, I learned that...

- Homes around the world can be very different. This is because people have access to different materials and because the weather can be very different. (Exploring Building)
- The British Royal Family live in Buckingham Palace in London. (Exploring Building)
- Bridges are used to go over obstacles such as roads, rivers and railways. (Exploring Building)

### What will I now learn?

- About different types of castles.
- Why they were built.
- Where they were built.
- Important castles near us – Bolsover Castles and Nottingham Castle.

### Key Vocabulary:



### Topic Traveller Question: **What were Concentric Castles?**

A Concentric Castle is a castle with two or more curtain walls. What can you find out about concentric castles? What were curtain walls like? What was behind them? Why were they built that way? Maybe you could build one? Or write facts about one? Or even paint or draw a Concentric castle? Bring in any work you have done at home to share in school.

# Sticky Knowledge: Banquets, Balls and Battles!

Here are some fabulous facts about our topic Banquets, Balls and Battles.

- **The first and most famous castle in England was the tower of London. It was built by William the Conqueror between 1078 and 1097.**
- In Medieval castles, the toilet was in the wardrobe! And, it was a seat with a hole in. The poop and wee would fall down the hole and drop into the moat around the castle. People thought that insects and bugs would stay away from their clothes because of the awful smell.
- Castles always had secret ways in and out. These were called the postern and would be used to escape if battles weren't going to plan!
- After winning battles, the winners would have a banquet which was a big party with lots of food, music and fun.



**This is the Bayeux Tapestry. It is an embroidered cloth nearly 70m long! It tells the story of events leading up to the Battle of Hastings, and it shows the battle itself!**



These are examples of Concentric Castles. They have curtain walls around the outside to protect the keep in the middle.