

EYFS

Spring One

Project overview

# Turrets and Tiaras

Understanding the World



## Key Questions—

What is it like to live in a castle?

How are castles protected from enemies?

How are castles built?

Why do royals wear crowns?



Knowledge	Skills
<p><i>Castles are a type of home built to protect the people inside.</i></p> <p><i>Knights are people who have served his master.</i></p> <p><i>Prince is a son or grandson of a king or queen.</i></p> <p><i>Princess is a daughter or granddaughter of a king or queen or wife of a prince.</i></p> <p><i>A turret was used to see far across the land to see when enemies were coming.</i></p> <p><i>A moat is a deep trench all around the castle walls.</i></p> <p><i>A drawbridge is a bridge over the moat with can be raised to stop others entering.</i></p> <p><i>A portcullis is a heavy gate with teeth at the bottom. It could be dropped quickly to stop people getting in.</i></p> <p><i>Ramparts are the defensive walls of a castle.</i></p> <p><i>A lance is a long weapon with a wooden shaft and pointed steel head.</i></p> <p><i>A sword is a weapon with a long metal blade.</i></p> <p><i>A dungeon is a strong underground prison cell.</i></p>	<p><b>UTW-The world</b></p> <p>Talks about why things happen and how things work.</p> <p>Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.</p> <p>Talks about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another.</p> <p><b>C&amp;L- understanding</b></p> <p>Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion.</p> <p><b>C&amp;L- speaking</b></p> <p>Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words.</p> <p>Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.</p>

**Key Vocabulary:** turret      tiara      knight      ramparts

drawbridge      moat      lance      dungeon

portcullis      sword      prince      princess

## Key Question Ideas

Who lives in a castle?

Who were knights and why did we have them?

What weapons would the knights have used?

What are arrow slits?

Do you live in a castle? Why not?

Would you live to live in a castle? Why/why not?

Are castles built nowadays?

## The journey

The children will learn all about castles, what they are, the different parts and why they are needed.

The children will label castles and design and build their own with junk modelling.

After this, the children will learn about who lives in castles and why. They will understand what makes them special and why they wear tiaras and crowns and make their own.

They will read traditional tales and find any links to castles and royals and retell our own version of the stories.