History

Day 1

What was life like in a castle?

How have castles changed over time?

Last week we talked about how Prudhoe Castle had changed over time.

Watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-castles-and-knights-the-features-of-a-castle/z7c3sk7>

Unfortunately all the children’s castles are at school, we had made the basic shape and were about to make the winding mechanism for the drawbridge, and then decorate our castles. Could they make a castle at home?

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Description automatically generatedWe made lego winding mechanisms to show how the axle can turn and the cotton reel can wind a load up. We were going to use 2 cotton reels to wind up our drawbridges.

If you have not got any cotton reels, your child could just make and decorate a castle using a cardboard box, or make one out of lego.

Please send me any photos of castles and I will put them on the website.

Day 2

How was life different when people lived in castles 900 years ago?

Discuss their ideas, then ask them if they know what life was like for a knight in a castle?

Watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-castles-and-knights-the-real-life-of-a-knight/z6jkr2p>

Then they could label the picture of a knight or draw their own picture and label it.

They can also have a go at making their own catapult! ( see guide)