

Key Learning

The site of Whittington Castle has been inhabited since the Iron Age.

The medieval period (Also known as the Middle Ages or the Dark Ages) began around 476BC and ended around 1450.

Many castles similar to Whittington castle were built along the English/Welsh border in the medieval era.

Legends such as Robin Hood and Dick Whittington have been linked to Whittington Castle.

After the Black Death there weren't enough people to pay the rents of the village so the family left the castle.

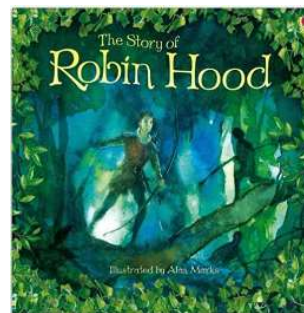
Year 3 – How did Whittington Castle reflect life in England in the medieval era?

Local Heritage

The first stone castle was built in Whittington in 1223 and was inhabited by the Fitzwarine family until the 1400s.



Exciting Reads



Subject Specific Vocabulary

Medieval era (Middle Ages/Dark Ages)	The medieval period (Also known as the Middle Ages or the Dark Ages) began around 476BC and ended around 1450.
Fulk Fitz Warin	There were 15 Fulk Fitz Warins who owned Whittington Castle.
motte	A mound forming the site of a castle or camp.
bailey	An enclosed courtyard overlooked by the motte.
keep	Fortified tower built within the castle grounds.
crenellations	The battlements of a castle.
moat	A deep ditch that surrounds a castle.
runtings	Saxon ditches which were dug to defend the Iron Age site.

Timeline

100BC	1223AD	1320AD	1700sAD	1998AD
The site of the castle was an Iron Age farming community.	The wooden castle was destroyed and the first stone castle was built by Faulk Fitz Warin III.	The castle apartments were improved and a pleasure garden was created.	Parts of the castle began to fall down and stones from it were used to repair roads in the village	The Whittington Castle Preservation Trust was formed to protect the site.