Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School
History Overview – *Castle Life* Year 1 Focus Study

Core Knowledge:

Significant Events	• A siege was when an enemy surrounded a castle so no one could escape and no food could get in. • The longest siege in English history took place at Kenilworth Castle a long time ago.
Society	• Castles were built on hills to protect people and to show power. • Castles had towers, battlements, thick stone walls and sometimes a moat. • Most castles had a great hall, a kitchen, chambers and stables. • A king, queen, lord or lady was in charge of a castle. • Lots of other people lived and worked in castles doing jobs such as cooks, blacksmiths, soldiers and servants and a priest. • Entertainment in castles included banquets, jousting, jesters and falconry.

Historical Skills:

Developing & Understanding Chronology	• Explain and use the words past and present.
Using & Interpreting Historical Sources	• Explain what a source is. • Use books, stories, photographs, websites, pictures, objects, historical visits to ask and answer questions about the past.
Explaining Historical Reasons	• Explain why an event or individual from the past is important to learn about. • Ask and begin to explain why things happened in the past.
Comparing & Contrasting	• Identify simple changes, ideas and objects that remain the same.

Enquiry Questions:

➢ Why were castles built?
➢ What were the features of castles?
➢ What was life like inside a castle?
➢ What was Kenilworth Castle like?
➢ What was the siege of Kenilworth Castle?

Key Vocabulary:

castle, hill, protect, power, towers, battlements, walls, moat, great hall, chambers, stables, lord, lady, blacksmith, servant, banquet, jousting, jester, falconry, siege, Kenilworth Castle

Cross-Curricular Writing Outcome:

> ❖ *Writing to inform:* – Simple information text about life inside a castle

Oracy Outcome:

> ❖ Short presentation about entertainment in castles