When the Normans arrived in 1171, they needed a castle to rule Ireland from and also a place to store their valuables. In 1204, they began to build Dublin Castle.

Dublin was established by the Vikings over 200 years before the Normans arrived. The Vikings chose this site, because it was between the rivers Liffey and Poddle and from here they could sail around northern Europe.

They named their new town Dubh Linn after the Black Pool in the Poddle River.
Dublin Castle was built to house the government and store treasure. It was home to soldiers, administrators and Viceroy.*

From 1230 to 1683, this is what the castle looked like.

In 1684, there was a major fire in the castle. The castle was rebuilt. In 1728, this is what it looked like.

This is the castle today.

Dublin Castle has changed a lot over the years. New rooms were added and older parts of the castle knocked down.

*Viceroy ruled Ireland on behalf of the English Kings and Queens from 1171 until 1922
Think about your own castle

What kind of things do you want to do in your castle?

- read
- games
- sleep
- chat
- piano
- draw
- bounce
- play
- swim
- study
- skip
- football

Don’t forget, there are no rules, your rooms can be tall, your windows triangular and your trampoline indoors.
Materials List

White Paper
Coloured Paper
Masking tape or Sellotape
Markers and Colouring Pencils
Glue Stick
Pencil and Rubber
Scissors

Imagination
1. Sketch of the outline of your castle

2. Plan where all the room go

3. Theses rooms have fold out floors. Create each layer and stick together with Sellotape or masking tape.

A secret tunnel is always useful.

This is my castle. What is yours going to look like.
Here are some ideas to start you off
Have fun