



LO: I know more about the 15th century castle built at Slingsby.

Last week we looked at how the castle site has been in use for hundreds of years, long before the castle we see today was built. The castle ruin we can see dates to around 1630, and was the 4th building on the site (Phase 4 of the timeline).

Phase 1: We found out that there has been a building on the site since around 1175. This was when Roger de Mowbray built a fortified manor house.

Phase 2: the Wyvill family now lived at Slingsby and they turned the manor house into the first Slingsby Castle.

Phase 3: 1462-71. The Hastings family owned the site, and built a substantial castle. The castle had:

- moat
- battlements
- barbican
- arrow slits
- bailey (courtyard inside the walls)
- a chapel was build inside.

War of the Roses. 1455-87

- These wars were fought over who had the true claim to the English throne.
- On one side was the House of York, who had a white rose as their symbol.
- On the other side was the House of Lancaster, represented by a red rose.
- The Hastings family fought on the side of the House of York.
- In the end the House of Lancaster won.

Today Slingsby Castle is a quiet place, but 600 years ago it was very different!

The main building would have a great hall where feasts were held and the court would meet. There would be kitchens, with enormous fireplaces to cook the meat, ovens for baking bread, and a cooler room where butter and cheese would be made and kept. Upstairs there were rooms for the lord and lady and a great hall where the court would meet and feasts were held.



There would be lots of people; advisers, cooks, stable boys, attendants, ladies who helped look after the household.

Outside were other buildings to keep animals such as pigs and chickens, as well as stables for the horses.

Have a look at the castles magazine on this link:

https://issuu.com/immediatemediabrand/content/docs/kidsmag_may?e=24098263/60813513

Using this magazine, have a go at these:

- p3: the resources from our history session last week included the coats of arms of two of the families from Slingsby Castle. Can you design a coat of arms for your family? Have a look at the activity on p3 of the magazine.
- Have a go at the I-spy activity on p8-9
- Look at p15: what would you serve at your medieval feast? Plan a menu, or draw a picture.