



The First Crusades- Knowledge Organiser

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School – Year 6



Dates to Remember								
1095	1096	1097	1098	1099	1099	1100	1101	1102
Pope Urban II asks Knights of Europe to win back Jerusalem	The First Crusade began	Crusaders win great victory at Dorylaion	Crusaders capture several Syrian cities	Pope Urban II had died	Jerusalem is captured	New wave of crusaders arrives	European army defeated by Seljuks	Deemed the end of the first crusades

Key Vocabulary		Historical Facts	Key Figures
Crusades	Religious wars between the Christians and Muslims for control of the Holy Land, especially Jerusalem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pope Urban II promised the knights of Europe forgiveness of their sins if they went on a Crusade to win back Jerusalem for Christianity. Many responded by taking the cross and showed this act by cutting out red crosses before sewing them into their tunics. The First Crusade began in 1096. Christians, known as the Franks, from France, Germany and Italy set out on the long journey to the Holy Land, led by nobles and knights. After a long siege they captured Jerusalem in 1099. The attack was brutal, with thousands killed. A Christian source from the time claimed that, "The slaughter was so great that our men waded in blood up to their ankles." 	Pope Urban II launched the Crusade movement, and strengthened the papacy as a political entity.
Magna Carta	A document which gave rights to the English people		Bohemond I one of the leaders of the First Crusade, who conquered Antioch (June 3, 1098).
Chivalry	A knight's way of life		Peter the Hermit. One of the prominent leaders against the Jews in the first crusade.
Jerusalem	Known as the Holy Land to many religions		Godfrey of Bouillon was one of the leaders of the First Crusade. He was the first ruler of the Kingdom of Jerusalem
Empress	A woman who rules an Empire		
Sultan	The word for a King in an Islamic country.		
Knights	A soldier on horseback who serves a baron		
Sin	An act of rebellion or disobedience against a known God		
Noble	Some one with high rank or a title		
Dome of the Rock	An important Muslim shrine, or holy place, located in Jerusalem		

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

