

# Brookside Primary School - Goldfinch History - Pendle Witches Knowledge

## Prior Knowledge - What should I already know?

Changes in British history:

- The rise and fall of the Roman Empire
- The invasion and conflict of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings
- The Norman conquest in 1066

Local history:

- Clitheroe Castle is a Norman Castle built in the 1100s

## Key Learning - What will I know at the end of the topic?

- Who the British monarchy were in the 1500s and 1600s
- The fall of the Catholic Church and the Protestant Reformation
- The role of King James I
- Who the Pendle Witches were and where they lived in Lancashire
- The role of Roger Nowell
- The story of Alison Device and the Pedlar
- What life was like in Lancashire in 1612
- How and why the Pendle Witches were put on trial in Lancaster

## Vocabulary

**Prior**    **Required**    **Challenging**

**witch** - a person thought to have magical powers

**accused** - charged with or on trial for a crime

**trial** - an examination of evidence by a judge to decide whether a person is innocent or guilty

**monarch** - a head of state, eg. a king or queen

**Catholic** - Christians led by the Pope in Rome

**Protestant** - Christians who protested against the Pope's power and chose different leaders

**JP** - Justice of the Peace

**pedlar** - person selling goods in the street

**magistrate** - person who judges simple local crimes (less important than a judge)

**execution** - punishment for a crime by death

**gallows** - a wooden frame used to hang criminals

**pillory** - a post in the market place to which convicts were tied as a punishment

**bail** - a sum of money paid instead of all or part of a jail sentence

**Protestant Reformation** - a movement that challenged the power of the Catholic Church

**Inquisition** - a movement set up by the Catholic Church to terrorise Protestants and other heretics

**dissolution** - closing down

**heretic** - someone whose religious beliefs are considered unacceptable

