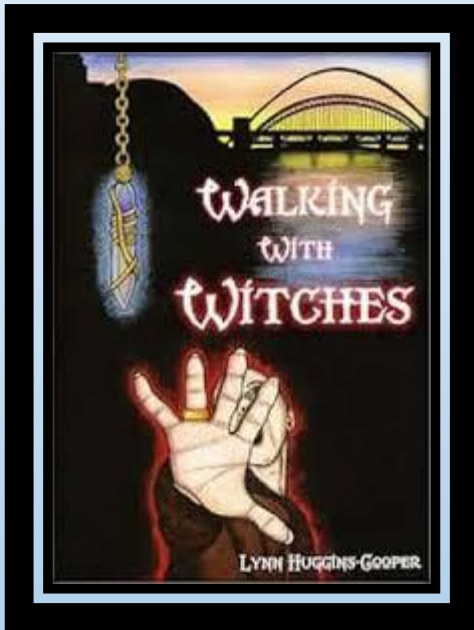


What is the significance of Newcastle Castle and Keep to the City of Newcastle?



We started our enquiry by sharing the book *Walking with Witches*.

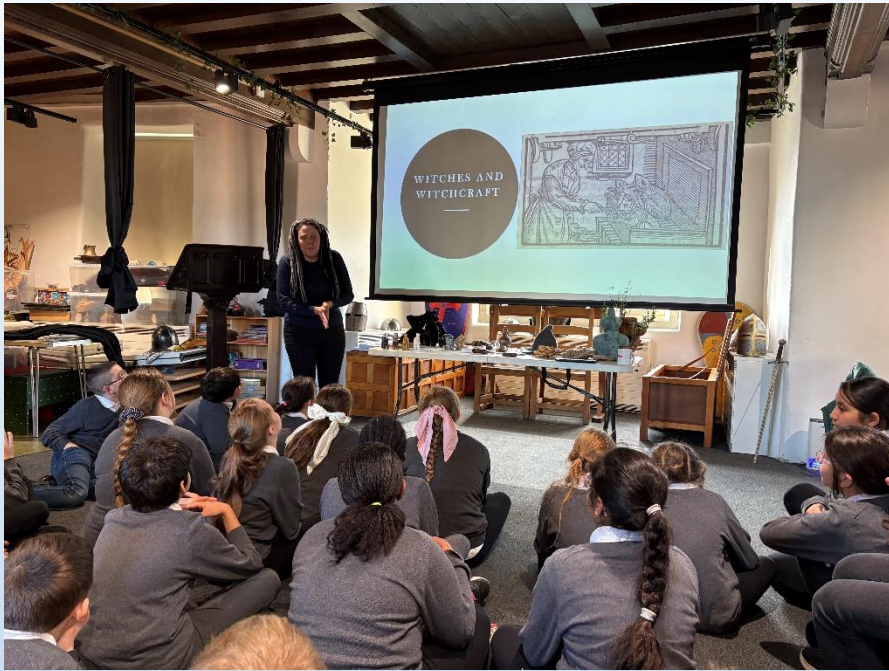


We visited the Literary and Philosophical Society Library (Lit and Phil) as mentioned in the book. There's lots of books and information here. There's even a section about the Witch trials in Newcastle.



We visited the Castle Keep. From the roof you can see across all of Newcastle as you move around the roof top.





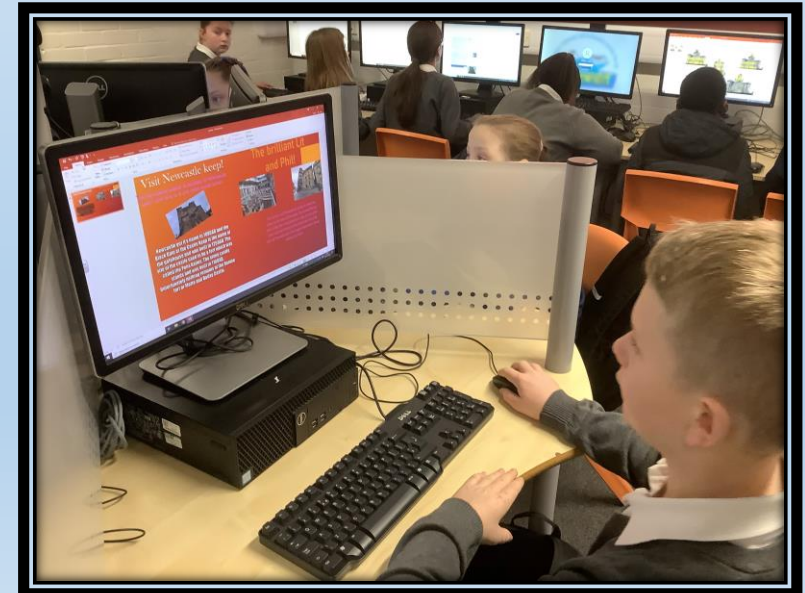
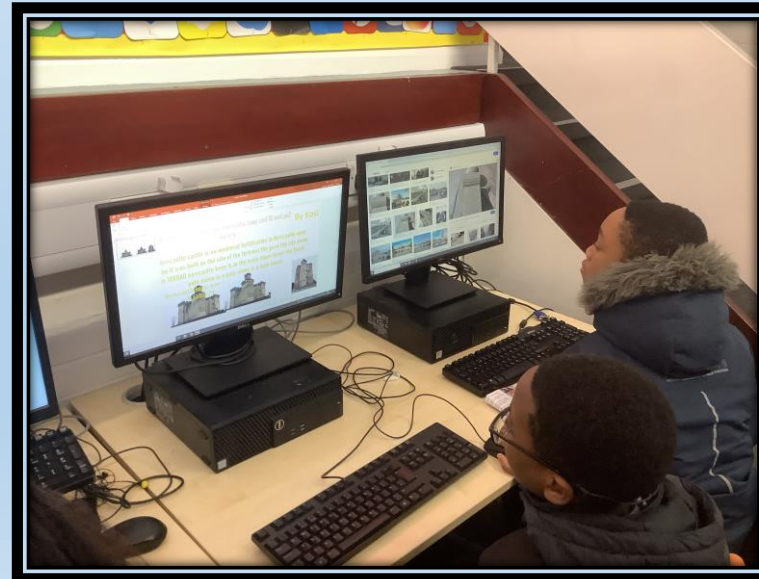
We had a fascinating tour of the Keep and a workshop of the Witch trials.

The Castle has a dark history of crime and punishment.



We worked collaboratively on our own research of the castle.

Then we worked independently to share our findings. Some of our finished works are on the next pages...



Newcastle castle keep

Newcastle castle keep was built on the site of the fortress that gave the city its name in 1080AD. This Newcastle castle keep is a medieval fortification in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. The castle keep is the main stone tower, also the site of the castle used to be a fort which was called pons Aelius. The castle that now stands today was built in 1168AD and the black gate was added in 1250. There is no remains of the old fort that was built by the romans.



Black gate



Lit and Phil

The lit and Phil library was built in 1825, This is a historical library and is the largest independent library outside of London. This lit and Phil library is the oldest library in Newcastle upon Tyne.

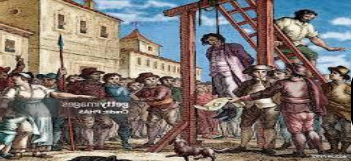


Inside the lit and phil.

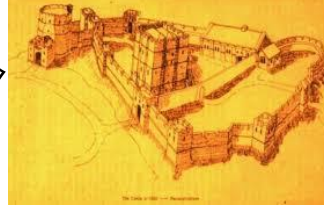
Did you know? Witches in Newcastle were trialled on the town Moore. Also Newcastle was one of a number of witch trials.

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VISIT NEWCASTLE



CASTLE!



Newcastle castle is a castle that has been in Newcastle since Meadville times it is a historic structure that has gave Newcastle its name in 1080AD!



Suspected witches were hanged on 21 August 1650 alongside other criminals. Twenty-nine people were hanged on that day. The mass hanging was such a large event that the council built a special three-side gallows for it. The exact location of the gallows is unknown but it is thought to have been located on the Town Moor.

No original fort remains off the roman fort or motte and bailey castle. The Lit and Phil is a historical library in the heart of Newcastle



On 21 August 1650 - 6 people 15 women and 1 man were hanged on the Town Moor in witch was located in Newcastle



People call the gate the black gate. The castle keep is the main building. The castle used to be a fort that was called Pons Aelius. The stone castle was built in 1168AD and the black gate was added in 1250AD.



The castle keep was built in 1168-78. The current roof and battlements were added in 1811 by the Newcastle Corporation. It was restored in 1848 for the Society of Antiquaries Newcastle



Visit Newcastle Keep!

They were very vulnerable to attacks using fire and the wood would eventually start to rot.

Another negative thing was that the stone keep castle was square, so the corners could easily be undermined.



William built castles to protect his barons from attacks from unhappy Englishmen. The first castles were called motte and bailey castles. Each castle took 7-14 days to build and by 1086, William's barons had built over 100 castles!

The Literary and Philosophical Society or Lit and Phil for short was founded in 1793 as a conversation club by Reverend William Turner. Membership cost one guinea a year, and from 1804 women were admitted into the Society.

