Topic Plan

Year 2	
Summer 1 – Castles	5

Key Skills Show understanding of some of the ways in which we find out about the past.

- Describe significant places in our own locality.
- Name, locate and identify characteristics of the seas surrounding the UK.
- Know that different artistic works are made by crafts people from different cultures and times.
- Choose appropriate tools, equipment & techniques from a wide range.

Key Facts

- The first castles were built by the Normans.
 The Normans introduced the first proper castles to England, starting with the wooden Motte and Bailey castles, following their victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.
- A catapult is a type of machine used as a weapon to throw rocks or other things such as hot tar, that would cause damage to something else.
- The UK is bordered by four seas: to the south by the English Channel, which separates it from continental Europe, to the east by the North Sea, to the west by the Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

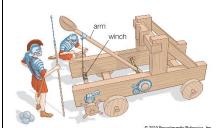
Key Vocabulary

- castle a large strong building often surrounded by a wall and a moat.
- catapult a large weapon used in the past for firing rocks over castle walls.
- evaluate to decide how good or how valuable something is, after thinking carefully about it.
- materials the substances from which something is made.
- plants a living organism that often contains chlorophyll, which allows it to capture energy from the sun.

Key Figures/Places



Burgh Castle



A catapult

Reading and Writing Links

Story: Rapunzel

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