

GGA – History Knowledge Organiser - Year 2 - Summer Term – Bedford, Our Locality the River Ouse

Key People

Bedford was founded by the Danes. In 1630, King Charles I granted a drainage charter to the 4th Earl of Bedford, who constructed the Old Bedford River between Earith and Downham Market to facilitate drainage of the Bedford Levels.

Website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMQ-TqdIHv8>

Skills

- Apply knowledge of chronological understanding.
 - Knowledge and understand of events.
 - Knowledge of changes from the past.
- Investigating the local area the River Ouse.
 - Representing organising and communicating information and ideas.
 - Knowledge of people and changes in the past.

The River Ouse

(Key vocabulary)



The length of the Ouse is about 84 km (52 miles) and the combined Ure/Ouse river is about 208 km (129 miles) making it the sixth-longest river in the UK.

Knowledge

Build up knowledge of the River Ouse in Bedford.

Heritage Trail – public places along the river that highlights important cultural objects such as buildings from the past.

Living Memory – a time that can be remembered by people who are still alive.

Beyond Living Memory – events that happened a long time ago and cannot be remembered by people who are alive today.

Why are we learning this?

To understand that the River Ouse is the fifth longest river in the UK.

To understand the Vikings benefited by using the River Ouse for easy access to the North Sea Coast.

To know the river has been important for navigation, and for draining the low-lying region through which it flows.

Why is it important?

So we can have a better historical understanding of our local area.

So we can select the most appropriate activities to explore the River Ouse.

So we can express ourselves in a variety of ways to explain our local area.