



Scott Primary School—History Knowledge Organiser

Topic: History of Bedford

Year 1—Summer 1

Key Vocabulary

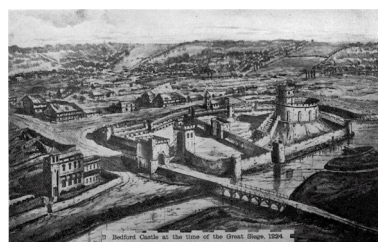
Castle	A large strong building, or group of buildings, designed to protect the people inside from attack.
Moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, often filled with water.
Motte	A tall steep sided mound on which the keep was built.
Bailey	An area surrounded by a wooden fence, where soldiers and servants lived.
Keep	The strongest part of the castle. This was built on top of the motte and was often lived in by the owner of the castle.
Significant	Something or someone very important.
Living memory	A time that can be remembered by people who are still alive.
Locality	A neighbourhood or area.

Important Facts

- *Castles were built to: • control the surrounding area • defend against enemy attack • launch weapons to attack enemies.
- *The earliest proper castles built in England were Motte and Bailey castles. Bedford castle was a Motte and Bailey castle.
- *Bedford Castle was built by Henry I, although it was destroyed in 1224.
- *John Bunyan was an English writer and preacher. He taught people how to lead a good and fulfilling life. John lived in Elstow, Bedford.
- *The name of the town (Bedford) is thought to come from the name of a Saxon chief called Beda .



Bedford in the past...



Bedford in the present day...



Previous Knowledge

Children will have an understanding of the terms 'past' and 'present'. They will build upon their previous understanding and discussions about the lives of people around them and their roles in society.

