

Year 5 - Local History – Visit to St Peter’s Church – 20th May 2022



As part of their local history study, the children had been learning all about Benedict Biscop and St. Peter’s Church at Monkwearmouth. To bring their learning to life, and provide a real context, the children visited the church and then completed a workshop linked to it at Sunderland Museum. At the church the children enjoyed finding out about the different parts of the church. They were shown around St. Peter’s by a guide, who explained to them what the church would have been like when it was a monastery and how it was built. The children found out old stones that were centuries old and their importance. They saw a copy of ‘The Codex Amiatinus’, which is an 8th century bible. At the museum, the children took part in a workshop called ‘Bede’s Bags’. They explored and found out about objects that would have been used in Benedict Biscop’s time. The objects included coins, dyes, clothes and jewellery. The children had a very enjoyable and interesting visit and enjoyed being inside the church they had been learning about in the classroom.

