

# Year 4 - Hidden Stories Project

In the summer term, the Year 4 children completed a local history unit, which looks at the Holy Trinity Church in the East End and artefacts that were found there prior to its recent renovation. The children visited the church and had a tour of it and looked closely at different artefacts. The children learned about a young orphan boy (called William) who had sung in the choir at the church in 1897. He had written a letter when he was 14 years old and was going to be sent to sea and wanted to be remembered. The letter was hidden in a pew and found 125 years after it had been written. The children completed a writing workshop, using quills and chalk to write their own letters, using the style of handwriting that William had used. The children also had the opportunity to visit the Marine Heritage Museum where they learned about the ship that William would have worked on. They also looked at the history of ships and ship building in Sunderland.

