

### First Communion for pupils of St. Peter's

On Friday 19th November, we were delighted to witness the first communion of 11 pupils from St. Peter's C of E Primary School at St. Margaret's Church. The children had been supported by Father Jonathan in school to prepare them for this special day, following a new programme. The five sessions in school focussed upon Friendship, Baptism, Penance and Peace, The Last Supper and United and Sent.



The Venerable Amanda Bloor, Archdeacon of Cleveland joined us to celebrate the Eucharist and admit the children to communion with the pupils, staff and parents of the school proudly watching on. It was a day the children will remember for a long time to come.



### Nurture Group at St. Peter's

Our Nurture Group wanted to raise some funds to enable them to visit Senses Wellbeing Centre in Skelton. The staff and the children visited Aldi in Skelton and bought two huge sloth cuddly toys. The children then organised a raffle in school making posters to advertise the fantastic prizes that were on offer. They sold tickets on a lunchtime and finally took part in the grand raffle draw, announcing the two winners. In total, they managed to raise a huge £200, which funded their visit to Senses which they thoroughly enjoyed. They are in the process of deciding what other resources they can buy for their Nurture Group with the rest of the money raised.



### **Tree Planting in Guisborough Forest**

East Cleveland Council highlighted that some people had set fire to some trees in Guisborough Forest. Therefore, the Council were asking for local schools to come forward to plant some new trees. St. Peter's were more than happy to rise to the challenge. The Woodland Trust gave the school a kind donation of 105 saplings. The trees were selected to encourage wildlife and consisted of several different varieties.

Our enthusiastic School Eco Team and Gardening Club members, led by Mrs Lawson, set off with the support of Mrs Hayden and myself on a very cold and wet morning to plant the trees.

The children received an excellent talk by a member of Forest England on how to plant the trees and give them protection from the rabbits and hares who like to eat them.

We arrived back at school a little late, soggy but with a feel good factor, that we had done something good to improve our environment.



### **Musicians visit Durham Cathedral**

A group of children had the wonderful experience of visiting Durham Cathedral to see the 'Museum of the Moon' and to listen to an organ recital of 'The Planets Suite' by Gustav Holst. This linked perfectly to our curriculum work in Year 5/6 music and the 'Earth and Space' Science topic. This was an amazing and enjoyable evening for the children.



Have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas from everyone at St. Peter's.

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