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#SpikeDinosAdventures

Welcome to Spike Dino's daily post for children learning from home.

GIANTS; Irish Elk—giant deer—Ice Age

Spike spotted these skull and antlers of an Irish Elk, or Giant Deer. They could grow to well over 2m tall—much taller than Spike who is only 18cm tall. Their antlers could be nearly 4m wide. These are extinct now but Red Deer are thought to be part of the same family. This specimen dates back to the Late Pleistocene era, 11,750 to 10,950 years ago. So there are no photographs of what it might actually have looked like.

Spike has learned the scientific name - *Megaloceros giganteus*.

Spike learned he roamed all over Britain as well as Ireland. When these skulls were found in the ground they were a prized possession for museums in the 17th—19th centuries.



Find 5 different objects at home and work out which is the tallest and widest. You can record them in the grid or draw pictures to show their different heights.

What do you think this Giant Deer looked like when he was alive? Have a go at drawing him.

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A grid to record the 5 object heights. You could write or draw in the boxes.

object					
Picture or height					

Draw a picture of the Giant Deer here.