



#SpikeDinosAdventures

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

Colour Week; Red

Spike searched the museum for objects of different colours - some were easy to find and others much harder.

Red was a fairly easy colour to find. Red pigment made from ochre was one of the first colours used in prehistoric art. The Ancient Egyptians and Mayans coloured their faces red in ceremonies; Roman generals had their bodies coloured red to celebrate victories. In many cultures, red symbolizes joy and good fortune.

Spike found this Roman shield in the Education Room. It is really big and is taller than some of his friends. Romans carried these when marching and in battle to protect themselves.

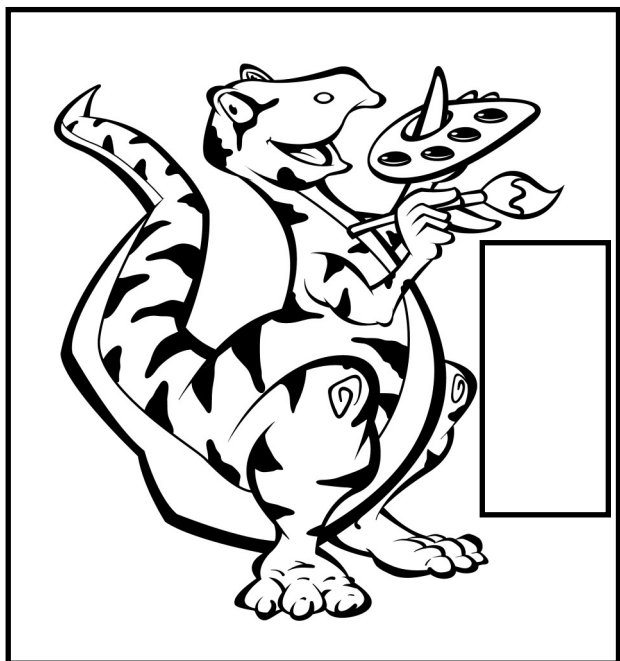
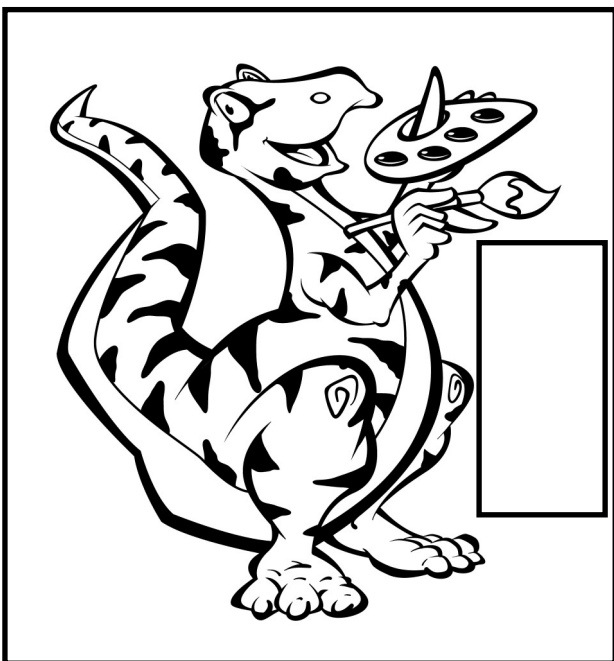
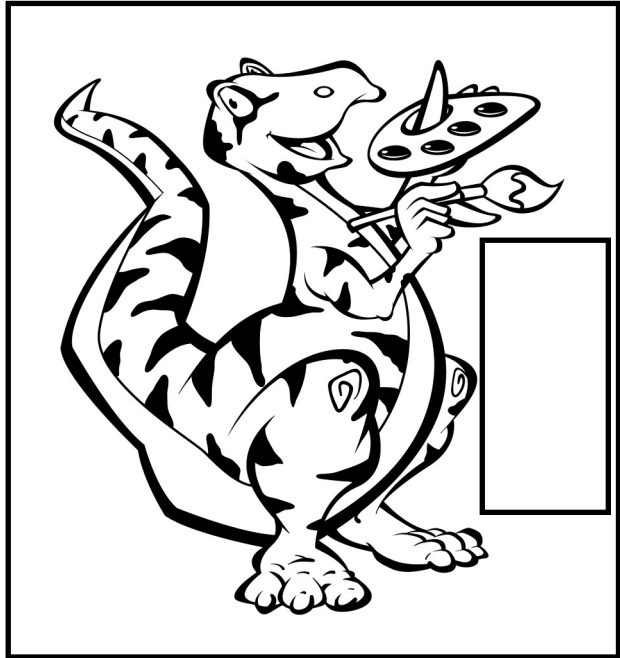
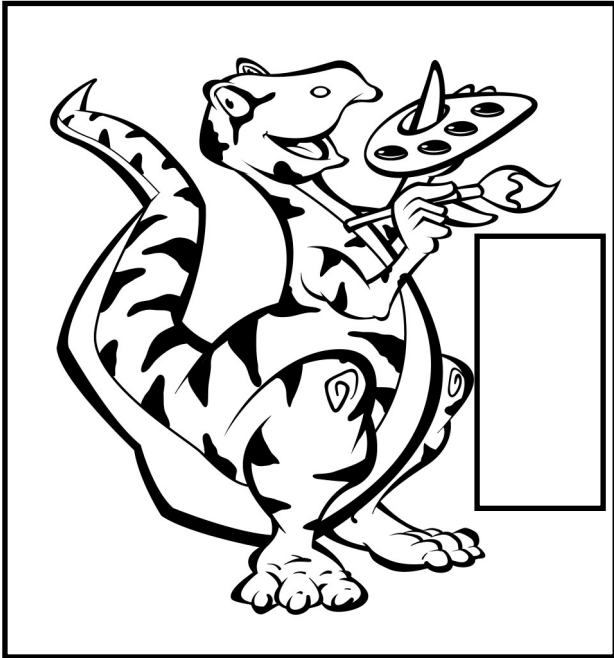
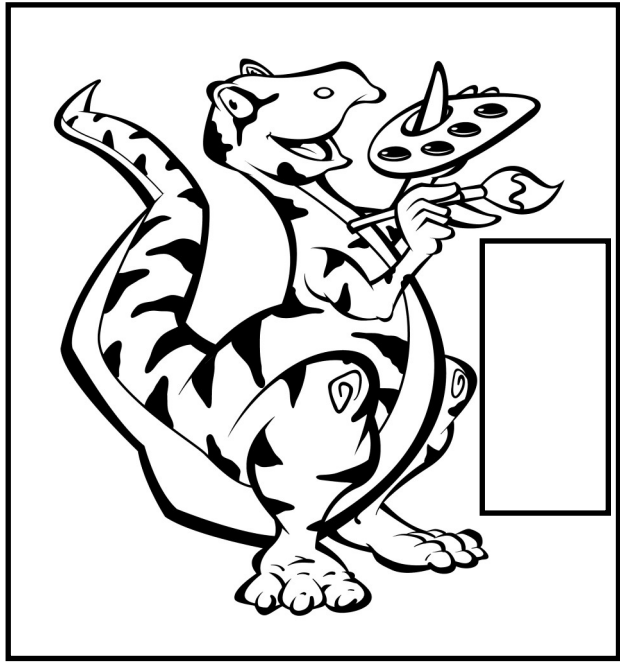
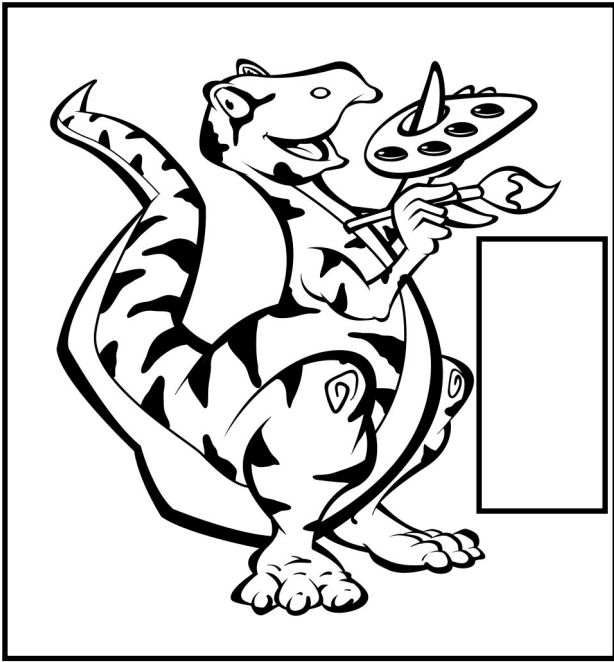
The next object he found is this toy cash register or till in the Toy Emporium display. It doesn't look like the tills he's seen in shops. And the numbers on the different buttons don't look like the money we have today.

The third object is the 'Valiant' steam fire pump in the local history gallery. It is named this because it was originally designed for use on HMS Valiant, an iron armoured ship built in 1863. This is made from cast iron and looks like it would be really heavy to move. It would pump out 100 gallons per minute.

Activity; Over half term we usually have a Spike trail for visitors to follow so we thought you might like to create your own around your house for someone else to follow - instructions and pictures on the next pages.

Share your pictures tagging @MaidstoneMuseum and #SpikeDinosAdventures or by emailing museumeducation@maidstone.gov.uk





Make your own - Spike trail

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Over half term holidays we usually have a Spike trail around the museum. So we thought you'd like to make your own trail around your house.

You will need:

A few pages of Spike pictures printed off (or draw your own!)

Coloured pens, pencils or crayons

Scissors

Blank paper and a pencil

A family member or two - we'll call them your players.

There are a couple of different types of trail you could make.

1. Take a few pages of Spikes and either colour them all in red or colour each Spike a different colour. Cut them out. We've printed a box around the picture to make them easy to cut out. Hide them around your house and send a player to find them.
2. There's a box on each picture for you to add a letter if you want to make it a trail to find a word or phrase. You'll need to give a clue for the word or phrase - and will need a piece of paper for your player to write the letters on that they find so they can un-jumble them.
3. If you want to get more technical, you could write clues to say where you've hidden each one. Eg somewhere you'd find a book (so you'd hide one on a bookshelf)

When you hide the pictures make sure that you put them in safe places. You don't want your player to have to climb on top of a wardrobe to find a Spike picture! If you only want the trail done once you could get them to collect the pictures.

Of course you might have another way to play this trail game - share your ideas with us.