



## #SpikeDinosAdventures

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

### Colour Week; Orange

Spike searched the museum for objects of different colours - some were easy to find and others much harder. For the colour orange Spike found 2 objects then remembered he is orange so included himself.

The colour orange was used frequently by the Ancient Egyptians and Medieval artists, the pigment often made out of a highly toxic mineral called orpiment, which contained traces of arsenic. It wasn't called orange until the late 15th century, simply referring to it as yellow-red. Then they were introduced to orange trees, when the colour was finally given its true name.

The first object Spike found was in the Greek workshop box. It is an oil lamp that is in four pieces. This shows it would have been used and probably exploded when the oils used as a fuel overheated. The Romans also copied this style of lamp. For more about lamps (and the Greeks and Romans, look on our Spike learning page on the website and find them under Takeover Tuesday.)

The next object is a beautiful ostrich feather fan from the 1920's. TO get the colour on what was a white feather, it is dip dyed in coloured dye. It is a long, beautiful fan and is on display in the cabinets of curiosity.

Activity; Have a go at making a Spike jigsaw. Look on the next page for instructions.

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# Spike Dinosaur Jigsaw

Stick this sheet to card, and then colour Spike.  
Will you copy his colours or make him a rainbow  
Spike? Next cut out the pieces and mix them up  
before you put them back together.

