



## #SpikeDinosAdventures

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

### Colour Week; Blue

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

Blue is a colour that has long been associated with royalty, art, military, business and nature. Blue was first produced by the ancient Egyptians who figured out how to create a permanent pigment that they used for decorative arts.

Our first blue object is the pin cushion from the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Museum. It is in the WW1 and 2 case. It is a heart shaped pin cushion with the Royal West Kent Regiment Insignia.

Next we have a blue butterfly specimen. We have thousands of butterflies on our collection and some are really vibrant colours. There are hundreds on display but many more kept safely in the stores.

Thirdly we have an Egyptian shabti made from blue faience. The Ancient Egyptians were the first to use the blue pigment to colour special and important objects for worship.

Activity; Have a look around your house and collect together lots of blue items. Then create a mini blue museum gallery to show them. You could make labels and a tour guide to go with your museum. Send us your pictures.

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