



## #SpikeDinosAdventures

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

### Colour Week; Brown

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

Brown is considered to be one of the first pigments ever used in prehistoric times and has been a staple of art and culture ever since. It is said to be "the least favourite colour of the public". Spike found lots of brown objects to choose from and chose these three.

The first is a brown velvet dolls dress from the 1880's. We have several dolls and child dresses in the collection because they take up less space to display but still show the same detail and skill as the adult versions. The princess line, without a waist seam, first appeared in 1848, as a result of the long-waisted look. Our velvet doll's dress follows the woman's fashionable style of the early 1880s with a princess line front, featuring lavish, horizontal swathes of fabric over the hips, and a heavily ruffled back detail, like a short train.

Spike's next object is this baby hare. It is on display in the Natural History gallery and looks like it is covering from the other animals in the case.

Our third object is this snail from our Japanese gallery. It looks like it's been carved from wood but is actually bronze. Look carefully and you'll see a baby snail on the bigger snails back.

Activity; when you are outside in the garden or on your walk, have a look for brown things in nature. It might only be tree trunks but look closely at the differences and, if you can, feel the textures. If you take some paper and a crayon with you, you could do some rubbings of the different tree trunks. Happy searching.

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