



#SpikeDinosAdventures

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

Colour Week; Purple

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

Purple is between red and blue on the colour spectrum. It was one of the most expensive pigments to make to was often kept for those high status and royalty throughout history until 1856 when the colour became more accessible to the everyone.

Spike found 3 objects in the museum in different shades of purple.

The first is a piece of violet amethyst quartz. The Greeks and Romans wore jewellery made from this mineral and made drinking vessels from it too.

The second a Chinese Monochrome Vases from the Qing dynasty. IT looks quite modern due to the bright glazes but actually it is over 100 years old. Julius Brenchley collected it as part of his travels through China in 1864.

The third item is this purple top. It is the uniform the Museum Team wear when we are working at the museum with schools, families, giving talks, meeting and greeting, or running events. When we are open and you can visit, look out for the team and say hello.

Activity; Vicky and Spike had some fun creating the next craft. They have made Purple Playdough. The instruction to make your own are on the next page. Have Fun!

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Make your own Play Dough



Step 1. Gather your materials. You will need a mixing bowl, spoon, 1 cup of flour, 1/2 cup of salt, 1/2 cup of warm water, 1 tbsp of oil and some food colouring.



Step 2. Place 1 cup of flour, 1/2 cup of salt and a few drops of food colouring into the mixing bowl.



Step 3. Add 1/2 cup of warm water and 1 tbsp of oil to the mixture. Then mix it all together until all of the ingredients are combined together. You can also add more food colouring if it is needed.

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Step 4. You have finished your play dough, keep it in a zip lock bag or wrapped in cling film. If it starts to dry out you can add a little extra water.

**Don't forget to share what you have created with us
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