



## #SpikeDinosAdventures

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

### Colour Week; Black

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

Earning the title of darkest colour thanks to its total absorption of light is none other than black. Alongside white, black is one of the first recorded colours used in art, the pigment created by Palaeolithic man who used charcoal, burnt bones, or various crushed minerals.

Spike has found this big metal bell in the QORWK Gallery. It says Sebastopol 1855 on the side. When he rang it, it rang with a deep echoing sound.



The second object Spike found is this dolls wooden rocking cradle or crib. We've included it with the black objects because it looks black. But actually it is painted with very dark green paint. It was made in the 19th century and held a medium sized doll. Over time the paint has got darker, hence how it looks black.



Our third object is a set of Japanese Samurai armour. It is black lacquered armour that came into the collection in 1929. When you discover it in the Japanese gallery it is quite daunting as it looks like someone is wearing it.



Activity; Spike and Vicky had fun with the black activity. Have a look on the next page and have a go. Get creating!

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# Make your own Scratch Art



**Step 1.** Gather your materials, you will need white card, colouring pens, a black crayon and a cocktail stick.



**Step 2.** Colour in the piece of card using the colouring pens, then colour over the top of that with the black crayon.



**Step 3.** Use the stick to scratch off your pattern. We have drawn Spike but you can draw whatever you would like.



**Step 4.** You have finished your piece of art.

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