



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

Colour Week; White

Spike searched the museum for objects of different colours - some were easy to find and others much harder. White is an easy colour to find object for in our collection.

White is an achromatic colour, meaning it is a colour without a hue. It is recorded as the first colour ever used in art, with Palaeolithic artists using white calcite and chalk to draw.

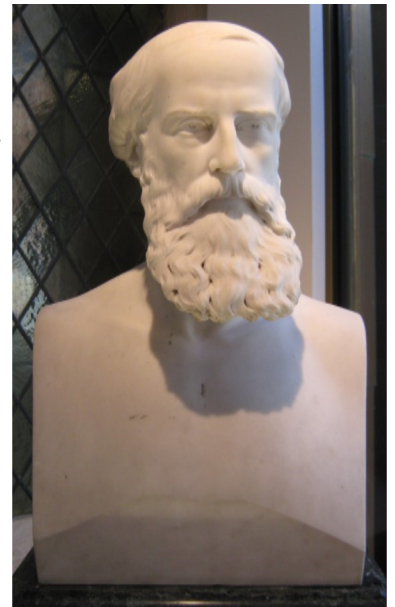
The first object Spike chose is from the white collection of objects in the Cabinets of Curiosity. It is a 1950's Ormond hair-dryer was produced from 1936 to 1962. It may seem a strange inclusion in the museum collection, but is an example of contemporary social history collecting.

The next object is a bust of Julius Brenchley. JB has popped up a lot in our colour info sheets because he donated a lot of his collection to the museum in the late 1800's. He also gave Brenchley Gardens next to the museum to the people of Maidstone.

Our third object is one of our huge oil paintings in the Bently gallery. It is called The surprise by John Opie. The scene shows a young lady in a white dress sitting in the right hand corner and appears to be asleep. She is resting her head on her right hand. A young man has just come around the trees and appears surprised to see her. In the bottom left corner is a brown and white dog.

Activity; look on the next page for a white themed activity.

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Spike's White Activity

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White is a common colour in nature, like brown and green. Look in your garden and see if you have any white flowers or plants.

You will need paper, pencil, coloured pencils or pens or paints.

If you can, sit in the garden and look closely at them. Try not to pick the flowers, they last much longer if they are still growing.

Look for the details in the petals, the stems, the centres. There are often small details you can't see until you look close up. Have a go at drawing this detail and the flower as a whole.

You could try a pencil line drawing, or a coloured drawing, or a painting of your flower. If you don't have white flowers don't worry you can try this with any colour flower!

In case you haven't any flowers in your garden we've popped a few on this page for you. The top picture is of daisies, the second is a jasmine flower, and the third is an alpine.

We'd love to see your flower pictures so please ask your grown up to share them with us on social media. Don't forget to tag us #MaidstoneMuseum and #SpikeDinosAdventures.

Happy drawing and painting.

Oh and don't forget to stop and smell the flowers.

