



Spike's Bonfire Night Activity

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As it is Bonfire Night, Spike has been looking around the museum for objects linked to fires and fireworks. In the Local History Gallery he found 4 interesting objects on the theme of fire safety

The first pic shows our 'Valiant' Steam Fire Pump. It is named the 'Valiant' as it was originally made to be used on HMS Valiant in 1863. It must have been very heavy to move around, even with the big wheels, as it is made of cast iron. It would have pumped out over 450 litres (100 gallons) of water per minute.



These are Fire Marks, signs that people would put on their houses and buildings to show they had paid

insurance for the fire brigade to come and put out a fire. The Kent Fire Insurance Institution began in 1802 and they provided Maidstone's first fire brigade. You can see these objects and find out more in the Local History Gallery (when we reopen).

Activity; Make your own safe firework—see next page for instructions.

Stay Safe this Bonfire Night.

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Spike's Paper Firework Craft

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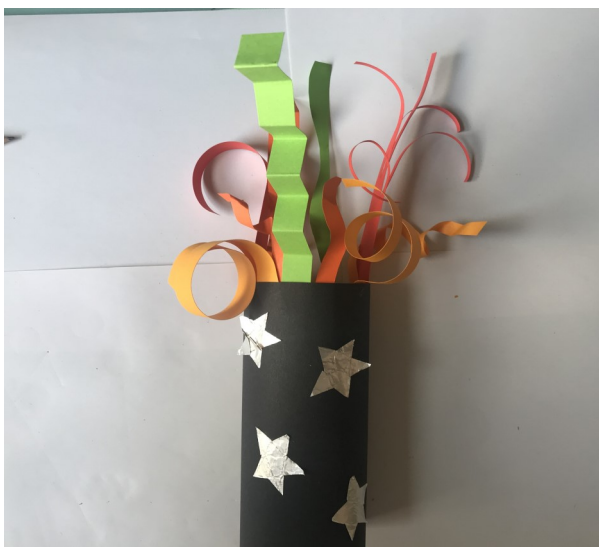
Step 1. Gather your materials, you will need Black card, glue and pieces of scrap coloured card and shiny paper.

Step 2. Roll the piece of card into a cylinder and glue into place this will become the bottom of your firework.

Step 3. Curl and fold the strips of coloured card then stick them into the top of the tube. Then cut the shiny paper into stars and stick them on the outside.



Step 4. You have finished your firework, don't forget to share what you have created with us **#SpikeDinosAdventures**



Great making - don't forget to share a picture with us.