

Spike's Object Activity

Theme; Dinosaurs

#SpikeDinosAdventures



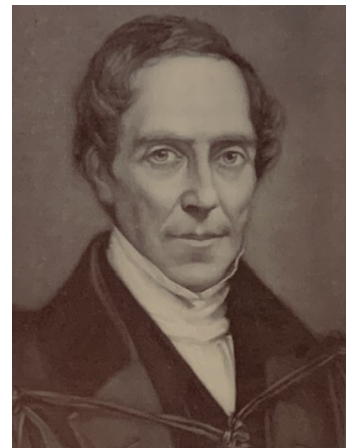
Dinosaurs; Iguanodon slab

Spike is proud that an iguanodon is on the Maidstone coat of arms. The fossilised skeleton was found in 1834 in a quarry in the Queen's Road area of Maidstone. The quarry was owned by Mr WH Bensted. But the skeleton was identified by famous palaeontologist Gideon Mantell. He bought the skeleton for £25. The original skeleton fossil is in the Natural History Museum.



Iguanodons were herbivores, meaning they ate plants, and lived 126-125 million years ago, during the late Cretaceous period. Iguanodon means iguana-tooth. They measured 5m tall and 11 m long and weighed 4-5 tonnes. In 1946 Maidstone Borough Council applied to have the dino added to the coat of arms.

Activity; putting a dinosaur skeleton back together is a bit like doing a jigsaw with different shape and sized pieces.



Gideon Mantell

Spike has created a jigsaw of himself for you to cut out and make. He's also left it without any colour so you can colour it in yourself. Why not print it out and stick it onto some card from a cereal box before you cut out the individual pieces.

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Spike Dinosaur Jigsaw

Stick this sheet to card, and then colour Spike. Will you copy his colours or make him a rainbow Spike? Next cut out the pieces and mix them up before you put them back together.

