

Spike's Object Activity

Theme; Explorers

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EXPLORERS; Masks

Spike explored the Brenchley gallery and learned about a Victorian explorer called Julius Brenchley. He travelled around the world and visited many different countries. He even fell down an active volcano and survived. Julius Brenchley collected a lot of objects from around the world including a penguin, China, jewellery made from teeth and masks. Spike saw several masks on display and decided he liked this mask because it looks a bit like a cross between a bird and a shark. In his selfie he tried hard to look fierce like the mask. Spike also saw other masks and



learned that they were sometimes based on animals and worn for ceremonies where they remembered other members of their tribes, or for celebrations. This one had patterns painted on it to make it look more fierce and to stand out. The masks come from several different countries including Africa and the Solomon Islands. Come and look at the masks in the gallery when we are open again.

Activity; Look at your pets or pictures of wild animals and make your own mask. Add extra card to the top or bottom of your mask to make it tall like the one in the picture. Or add pieces to the side to make it wider. There is a template below that you can stick onto card and add to or you could draw your own shape on card and decorate it.

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Mask templates - cut out and stick to card. You can add extra card to the mask to make hair, or have bits that stick up or down.

