

# Spike's Object Activity

#SpikeDinosAdventures

Theme; School



## School; Bluecoats children

Spike doesn't go to school. He learns about history at the Museum. While exploring for objects to share he came across these two children. He wondered who they were and if they went to school. Next to each object in the museum is a caption, a short piece of information about the object. The caption for these two reads, "Blue coat school pupils, c1800. Carved from oak, from All Saints Church, Maidstone." Spike decided these two children must have been pupils at the school—but where was the school? Maidstone's Bluecoat School was on Knightrider Street. Bluecoat Schools were charity schools set up in the 18th Century to educate the children of the poor. They were based on the original Bluecoat School of Christ's Hospital London, and as the name suggests the children wore distinctive blue uniforms.



Picture from The Maidstone Museum Collection at [www.kentphotoarchive.com](http://www.kentphotoarchive.com)

Spike thought it would be nice to do two activities today.

Firstly, Spike thought it would be a lovely idea to write a letter to your teacher or teaching assistant telling them about something you do at home.

Secondly, Spike would like you to create a picture—drawn, photo collage or any form you like of you and your friends together. On the next page is a special frame to put your picture into.

Here's a frame to put the picture of your friends in - turn it round either way to suit your picture.

