

# Spike's Object Activity

#SpikeDinosAdventures

**Theme; THE SEASHORE**



## THE SEASDIE; shells

Spike is missing being able to go to the seaside and collecting shells. He found these in the Natural History gallery. The crab scared him a little! One of the things Spike likes to do with large shells is listen to the sound of the sea. He tried this with one he has at home. Shells come in lots of shapes and sized. All of them had a living creature in them. Some of them were stuck to rocks and others have two halves and swim through the water. Seashells are the exoskeletons of molluscs such as snails, clams and oysters. The ones in the first picture are mainly scallop and oyster shells. You can find shells in the garden too, on snails.



Another thing he likes to do is make rubbings of shells and other textures surfaces. Spike thought this would make a fun activity for you to try.



**Activity;** Texture rubbings. To do this you simply need some paper and a crayon. Wax crayons are best but you can also do this this coloured pencils too.



Find a textured surface—it could be a shell, a tree trunk, a paving stone, coins, a metal drain cover. Hold your paper flat on the surface and, making sure the paper doesn't move, firmly rub your crayon over the paper. The pattern from the surface should come through onto your paper. If you do a few different surfaces you can get members of your family guessing what the rubbing is from. Have fun