

# Spike's Object Activity



## Theme; Skulls

#SpikeDinosAdventures

### Skulls; Hippo Skull

Spike was looking at the Cabinets of Curiosity in the museum and noticed objects were arranged in colours. He'd never see a hairdryer, a Chinese carving, a tin of rationed milk powder and a hippo all exhibited together before. He is wondering what other white objects could go with these. He was particularly fascinated by the hippo skull and how big it was. It got him thinking more about hippos and wanted to know more.

Reading the label gave him some information. But he would like to know more and is setting his friends out there a little challenge.

#### Challenge;

Can you create a fact file about hippos for Spike with 5-10 interesting facts on it and share it with Spike either via email or on social media (ask your grown ups to help). There is a fact file template on the next page to help your collect the facts together.

#### Fun activity;

Collect together white objects from around your house and make a gallery to share them. You could even make gallery labels with information about each object.



#### **Hippopotamus Skull**

*Hippopotamus amphibius*

Hippopotamus means 'river horse.' This reflects the Ancient Greek belief that hippos were related to horses, but in fact recent research has proved that their closest living relatives are cetaceans, the family containing whales and dolphins. Hippos can weigh over 3 tonnes and spend most of the day partially submerged under water to cope with the strong heat of the sun.

Share pictures by tagging @MaidstoneMuseum and #SpikeDinosAdventures on social media. Or email him at [museumeducation@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:museumeducation@maidstone.gov.uk)

# Spike's Fact File Pages

Here are some outline files for your hippo fact file. You could include pictures and facts.

