Spike's Christmas Activity 6

#SpikeDinosAdventures

Welcome to a themed Spike Dino page for children (and adults)

Welcome to Spike's sixth Christmas info-activity page.

Spike has been finding out about reindeers and when they began to help Father Christmas. He found out that in 1821, a New York writer named   William Gilley published a children's booklet where Santa and reindeer were first mentioned together: "Old Santa Claus with much delight, his reindeer drives this frosty night." A year later in 1822, a now well known poem called 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' was written by Clement Clarke Moore that also linked Father Christmas to reindeer. In the poem eight reindeer are named; *Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN! On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONNER and BLITZEN!*

In 1939 Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was born. He is the title character in a book of the same name written by Robert L May for an American department store. His brother in law then wrote a song based on the book. It was first recorded in 1949 and used in the 1964 animation.

If you look on YouTube you can find the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' read, sung and animated. You can also find the song and animation for Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer their too.

Activity; Todays activity is to make your own reindeer - or maybe you could make all 9 reindeer including Rudolph.

Happy Christmas
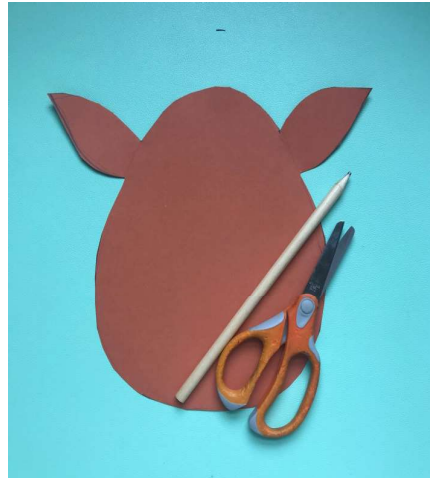
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Make your own Reindeer

Step 1. Gather your materials. You will need coloured card (see pic for colours), coloured pens, a pencil, scissors and glue.

Step 2. Draw a reindeer head out on the piece of light brown card. Then cut it out.

Step 3. Draw around your hand twice on the dark brown card and then cut it out.

Step 4. Stick the hands on the back of the reindeer head, now you have your antlers.

Step 5. Use the card you have left over to create some eyes and a nose. Then use the coloured pens to add extra details.

Step 6. You have finished your reindeer.

Don't forget to share what you have made with us **#SpikeDinosAdventures**