

Spike's Christmas Activity 7



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

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

Spike has noticed a few robins in the garden recently. He's also seen them on Christmas cards. It made him wonder why Robins are found on cards.

The robin is also known as the 'robin redbreast' and it gave it's name to the first postmen who wore red jackets and became known as 'robins'. These Victorian postmen delivered Christmas cards and linked the robin to Christmas. The Victorians invented Christmas cards and they often featured different animals with robins being very popular.

There is also a story that a small brown bird kept the fire alive at the very first Christmas, and was burnt on it's chest by an ember giving it a red chest. Mary declared that the red breast was a sign of the bird's kind heart, which would pass on to its descendants to wear proudly forevermore.

Spike particularly likes the rhyme, '*Robins appear when loved ones are near.*' This is an important message this Christmas when we can't see those in our families who live further away.

Today's Activity; Make your own robin card to give to someone at home.

Happy Christmas

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Make your own Robin Christmas Card



Step 1. Gather your materials. You will need brown and red card, a black pen, scrap yellow card, scissors, glue and a pencil.



Step 2. Fold the piece of brown card in half then draw around your hand. Make sure that the side of your thumb is next to the fold.



Step 3. Cut out your hand print. Make sure you don't cut along the thumb, this will become the fold of the card.



Step 4. Cut a piece of red card to glue onto your robin. Then use the scrap card to make and glue on a beak.



Step 5. Use the pen to add any extra detail to your Robin.



Step 6. You have finished your card, don't forget to write your message inside.

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