

ARTIST LEARNING

ART KNOWLEDGE MAT (YEAR 5)

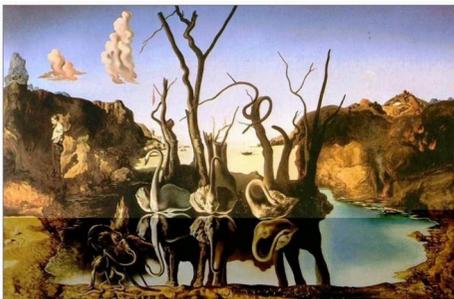
KEY LEARNING

Salvador Dalí made paintings, sculptures and films about the dreams he had. In this painting called 'The Dream', Dali painted a strange, dream-like creature. Can you see the ants on the creatures mouth?



'The Dream' Salvador Dalí (1931)

Dalí also painted optical illusions. In this picture the three swans and the trees are reflected in the lake so that the swans' heads become elephants' heads and the trees become the bodies of the elephants.



Swans Reflecting Elephants'
Salvador Dalí (1937)

SURREALISM

MAIN IDEA

We will examine surrealist paintings, especially those painted by Salvador Dalí, and give our opinions of this artistic style. We will practice some of the techniques surrealist artists used to draw and paint their pictures, and have a go at making pictures of our own in this style.

WHAT CAME BEFORE

You developed your painting and drawing skills in years 3 and 4, when you learned about painting nature and still life.

WHAT COMES NEXT

You will continue to learn about art history, focusing on impressionism in year 6. You will continue to develop your drawing and painting techniques, adding increased detail, mood and effect to your work.



'Lobster Telephone'
Salvador Dalí (1936)



'Living Still Life'
Salvador Dalí (1956)

Surrealist Techniques

- 1) Place objects where you wouldn't expect to see them,
- 2) Place objects that don't normally go together. You wouldn't normally see a telephone and a lobster!
- 3) Make some objects bigger and others smaller than they really are.
- 4) Place some objects flying through the air!
- 5) Use **symbolism** in your paintings.

Watch this video to learn more about surrealist painting and drawing techniques: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Tgpk1VJSIU>

Surrealism is a period in art history which started in Europe in 1917. The word 'surrealist' means 'beyond reality'. This means that surrealist art is an expression of dreams and the unreal rather than something that is true and rational.

Find out more about surrealism here:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/what-is/surrealism>

Symbolism is when a picture, object, or color is used to represent another idea. Surrealist artists sometimes used symbolism to convey messages. In this picture, Dalí drew soft watches, which were meant to tell people that time is fluid. The drawers in the picture symbolize memories that could be locked away.



'The Persistence of Memory'
Salvador Dalí (1931)