



KS3 Art—Year 8—Does art have to look like something we recognise to evoke a response?



We will be revisiting the work of Kandinsky and exploring the work of surrealist and abstract artists such as Miro, Dali and Breton, and the sculptures of Alexander Calder and Anthony Caro .



What is Surrealism?

Until the twentieth century, artists tried to capture reality in their paintings. Surrealism surfaced in the 1920s when young artists wanted to create something more than a mere copy of what they saw.

A great deal of surrealism art focusses on illogical scenes, creating strange creatures from everyday objects, with the end result of dream like images.

Abstract art is a non-lifelike portrayal of real world objects, people and scenes that are usually difficult for other people to recognise. Abstract art portrays what an artist feels and thinks, rather than what he or she sees. An abstract artist uses colours and shapes to express his or her emotions and ideas. Just as we do not know other people's thoughts, we do not always know what abstract art portrays.



Year 8 will be designing and producing a class sculpture inspired by surrealist and abstract images. We hope to display the sculptures in the school grounds for the pupils, parents and members of the community to enjoy.

Year 8 - Surrealism Knowledge Organiser Questions

What is Surrealism?	A style of art focussing on illogical scenes, creating strange creatures from everyday objects, with the end result of dream like images.
Name three surrealist artists.	Miro, Dali and Breton
When did surrealism start?	In the 1920s
Name an artist famous for mark making techniques	Kandinsky
Describe a pattern	A series of repeated lines and shapes
What is texture?	The feel or appearance of a surface
Name an artist famous for his abstract textured work.	Adam McCauley
Why did surrealism start?	Surrealist artists wanted to combine dreams and reality in their artworks
Name two famous abstract artists who created sculptures.	Anthony Caro and Alexander Calder.
What is abstract art?	Abstract art is art that does not attempt to represent an accurate depiction of a visual reality but instead uses shapes, colours, forms and gestural marks to achieve its effect.

Can you visit a Anthony Caro sculpture?

Clue - there is one not far away from our school...Happy hunting!

You could write your opinions of it or sketch it.

