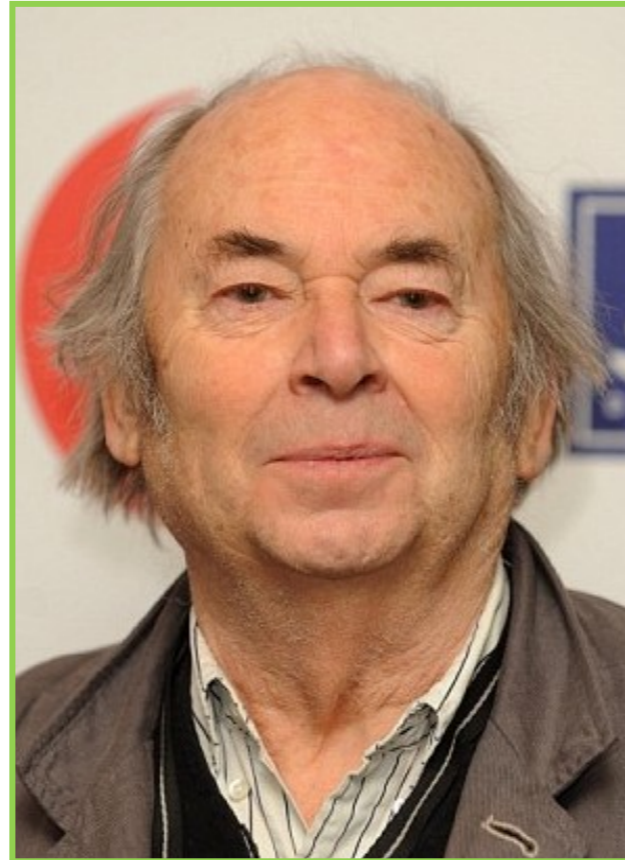


Knowledge Organiser - Sir Quentin Blake (Y2)

Vocabulary

Illustrator	A person who draws or creates pictures for magazines, books, advertising, etc.
Lightbox	A box with a translucent white surface fitted with a light bulb inside. Lightboxes are commonly used to trace things.
Dip Pens	A pen with a metal nib that has to be dipped in ink.
Watercolours	Coloured paints, used for painting pictures, which can only be applied using a wet brush.
Colour Wash	A technique which creates a semi-transparent layer of colour. A wash is usually created using diluted ink or watercolour paint.



Key Facts

- Sir Quentin Blake was born in London on 16th December 1932.
- He has been drawing since he was very young.
- As a child, he was evacuated to the countryside during the Second World War.
- When he was 16 years old, his first published drawing was printed in Punch magazine.
- He first studied English at Downing College before completing a diploma in teaching.
- He then studied at the Chelsea School of Art as well as the Camberwell College of Art.
- In 1960, he illustrated his first children's book.
- He is best known for illustrating the stories of Roald Dahl between 1978 and 1990.
- In 2013, he received a knighthood for services to illustration.

Examples of his work



Description of Work

Sir Quentin Blake starts with the facial expression of his character as he believes this is the most difficult part to get right. He uses black waterproof ink and a variety of different 'dip' pens to create his illustrations. Quentin Blake has illustrated hundreds of characters over the years from The BFG to The Twits, including his own characters like Mr Magnolia. Each one has been carefully thought out and planned to suit the characters personality.

A single drawing by Quentin Blake takes a particular amount of planning and is not completed in one attempt! He begins by completing a rough sketch in pencil to determine how the character should look. He then uses a lightbox to redrawing his character using ink then finally, when he is happy with it, he uses water colours to complete his illustration and bring it to life.

Timeline of Sir Quentin Blake's Life

1932	1943	1949	1965	1960	1978	1983	1988	1994	2002	2005	2013
Born in Sidcup, Kent.	Had drawings published in his school magazine.	First cartoon published in 'Punch'	Trained to be a teacher.	Illustrated his first children's book.	Published his first book with Roald Dahl.	Awarded the 'Silver Paintbrush' for Roald Dahl's BFG.	Appointed OBE.	Illustrated Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.	Won his Hans Christian Anderson award.	Appointed CBE.	Received a Knighthood.

'Sometimes people think drawing and painting is mucking about when really it is a highly skilled activity.'