

Year 6 Religion/Worldview: Humanism.

Summer 1.

Year 6 Key areas:



Human Responsibility and Values



Justice and fairness.

Previous learning in Humanism: (Either KS1/LKS2)

New learning.

Previous learning in the Ultimate questions Key area:

- Yr2: Whose world is it? Should we all take care of world?
- Yr4: Ahimsa in Hindu context.
- Previous learning in Key area: Human Responsibility and Values:
- Yr4: Moral charter drawing on Christianity/Sikhism/Hinduism and previous learning of Islam in yr 3)

Essential facts about Humanism.

- Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.
- They do not follow a holy book either. Instead, Humanists use reason and empathy to make decisions.
- They rely on science to explain the way things are.
- Humanists believe that people have one life to live - there is no afterlife. As a result, they focus on being happy and making the most of their life.
- Humanists believe people should work together to improve the quality of life for all. Thinkers such as Charles Darwin, Marie Curie and George Eliot have all influenced Humanism. Modern Humanists are Michael Rosen, Stephen Fry and Camila Batmanghelidjh. (Children's charity founder)

New vocabulary for yr 6/essential vocabulary:

- Humanist- person who follows Humanism.
- Humanism - non- religious worldview.
- Atheist- does not believe in God's existence.
- Agnostic- unsure if there is a God.
- Altruism- a selfless concern for others.
- Ethics-moral principles that guide a person.
- celebrate
- curiosity
- science
- evidence
- ceremonies
- celebrant
- reason
- empathy- ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
- compassion- sympathetic pity and concern.
- respect
- responsibility
- Human rights
- affirm- make a formal declaration in court instead of taking an oath.

Golden Rule: 'Treat other people in a way you would like to be treated yourself.'

Festivals

Humanists do not have festivals, but they do have ceremonies or celebrations. Many Humanists hold naming ceremonies, non-religious weddings and funerals (E. g. no set place, no set words to say, led by a humanist celebrant.)



Most Humanists are happy to take part in traditional family rituals such as the giving of presents at Christmas and eggs at easter, without any religious meaning attached.

Symbols :



Happy Human



