

RE Year 6

Humanism



Origins: Humanist belief started during the 14th century in Italy. It is a point of view that promotes human dignity and values as well as humanity's ability to exert control over nature or to shape society according to its needs and desires.

Key Vocabulary



Humanist
Happiness
Ceremonies
Wellbeing
Joy
Contentment
Selfish (not)
Atheist
Secularist
Agnostic
Affirmation
Human nature
Ethics
Celebrating

Key Facts Learnt



- Humanists see Happiness as a key purpose of this one life, but it should not be seen as purely selfish.
- Happiness is a feeling that comes over you when you know life is good and you can't help but smile.
- The 'Happy Human' symbol was chosen in a competition (in the 1960's) by Humanist organisations around the world.
- The 'Happy Human' is a symbol of the Humanist view of life.
- Humanism is not a religion but a world-view, a way of looking at the world, without reference to the idea of God or gods.
- Humanists say that every human has only one life to live and so people should try to make life happy and fulfilling for themselves and for every human being.
- Atheists do not believe in God.
- Secularists believe that laws and public institutions should be neutral when it comes to religions and beliefs.
- Agnostic means "don't know".
- Humanists do celebrate special life occasions.

RE GOLDEN WORDS:

Represent

Belief

Symbolise

Sacred/Special Places:

Schools
Hospitals
Museums
Libraries
Public places

Symbols



Major Festivals:

Humanist Day
Darwin Day
Human Rights Day

Special People:

Stephen Fry
Hemant Mehta
Charles Darwin