



Jigsaw RE Knowledge Organiser



This knowledge organiser is a guide, offering key information to point the teacher in the right direction as to the beliefs underpinning the particular enquiry.

The summaries must not be taken as the beliefs of ALL members of the particular worldview.

Religion /Worldview: Humanism	Enquiry Question: What do Humanists believe?	Age: 5-7
This enquiry is designed to give an introduction to Humanism, as a non-religious worldview.		

Core Knowledge (see also background information documents)	Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance	
<p>It should be made clear to children that Humanism is not a religion. It is more a shared approach to seeing the world in a certain way. Many people will decide for themselves what they believe is right and wrong and how they should behave towards others. They may then find that this matches what a lot of other people think who are Humanists, and then they may decide to call themselves a Humanist as well.</p> <p>Humanists try to live by the “Golden Rule” which is “Treat other people as you would like them to treat you”. It explains how a Humanist may try to live. This idea or way of living will also apply to how a Humanist might treat animals and the planet as well as other humans.</p>	<p>Humanists hold a belief in reason, questioning and science. Humanists approach life by focussing on human achievement, scientific discoveries and personal autonomy. Humanists will use their Golden Rule as the basis for their approach to life, and look to learn from their own and others’ life experiences in order to inform their decisions and actions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do I think about these beliefs? Can I understand why it might be important to Humanists? • Can I imagine living by a rule in my life which might remind me to treat others well? 	
Key Terms and Definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Spiral curriculum link
<p>Golden Rule: “Treat other people as you would like them to treat you”</p> <p>Big Bang: how Humanists consider the world was created.</p> <p>Evolution: the changes over time to how humans (and living things) are today.</p> <p>Happy Human: symbol associated with Humanism designed to portray the potential of humans and ability to celebrate life.</p>	<p>Humanism has been part of human thought for thousands of years. It holds, at its core, a belief in reason, questioning and science. Humanists approach life by focussing on human achievement, scientific discoveries and personal autonomy.</p>	<p>Humanists will use their Golden Rule as the basis for their approach to life, and look to learn from their own and others’ life experiences in order to inform their decisions and actions. This doesn’t mean that all Humanists believe the same things or want to be treated in the same way – they celebrate that everybody should be treated as an individual. Many Humanists will feel that celebrating differences, how unique and individual we are, is an important part of how they live their lives.</p>	<p>Further Humanism enquiries in ages 7-9 and 9-11.</p>
Home learning ideas/questions: What do I believe about freedom? Do I feel free to be happy?			