

RE Knowledge Organiser - Humanism

Humanist values and celebrations

Summer 2

Key Vocabulary:

Value: how important, worthwhile or special we think something is. A value can also be something which is a good thing to have, like being kind or honest.

Unique: to be unique means there is only one of it. All humans are unique - we may be similar to each other, but we are all different in some way, and are all unique.

Ceremony: an event or activity which is performed at a certain time. They are usually formal, have a level of importance, and can be religious (like a baptism) or non-religious (like a coronation).

Key moments: There are key moments in everyone's life which humans usually remember/celebrate, such as births, marriages and passing away. Humanists mark these with their own ceremonies.



Humanist and Christian ceremonies:

- Humanists have naming ceremonies where Christians have baptisms.
- Both humanists and Christians celebrate weddings, but humanist weddings don't mention God or religion.
- Humanists may choose to mark Christmas, harvest or Easter, as part of the culture of the country they live in.



Key Knowledge:

- Humanists believe everyone is special and unique. We all have capabilities which make humans different to other animals.
- Humanists value our ability: to ask questions, to reason, to empathise with others, to be creative
- Humans have, and can continue to improve our quality of life and understanding of the world, through achievements in science, medicine, art and technology.
- Humanists mark key moments in life with their own ceremonies for births, marriages and passing away.
- Humanists believe it is important that people show each other love and support at these key moments, and ceremonies are a way of doing this.
- Promises are made at ceremonies to show love and support.

