

What is Humanism?

Humanism is a World View. It is a system of beliefs which followers try to follow. It is different to a religion because Humanists don't believe in God. They believe in the importance of human beings, and believe that humans can still be good and kind without following a religion.

What we will learn

- Humanists believe that human beings are special and human life is valuable
- Humanists do not believe in God.
- Humanists believe humans should be responsible for their own happiness.
- Humanists believe that human beings can find their own ways to be happy.
- Humanists believe that human beings should be good to each other.
- Humanists believe that all human beings are unique.

Key Vocabulary

Humanist - a follower of Humanism

Evidence - facts or information which show that an idea is true or real

The Golden Rule - a rule which helps Humanists decide what to do. See below.

Curiosity - a strong desire to know or learn something

Happy Human - the symbol of Humanism. It shows the main idea behind Humanism, which is that humans should aim to be happy and make others happy too.

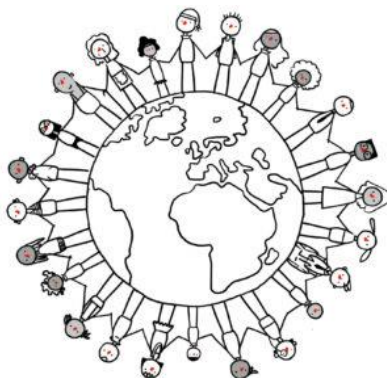
Celebrant - a person who performs a ceremony, like a wedding or a naming ceremony.

Valuable - something which is special, or worth a lot of money. Something which someone thinks is very important is valuable to them.

Unique - something which is one of a kind, there is nothing else exactly the same as it.



The Happy Human symbol



Humanists believe we should find our own ways to be happy

What makes you happy?

Have a think about all the things, people, places and activities that make you happy. Humanists say these are really important, because being happy makes you kind to others.



Stephen Fry is a Humanist

The Golden Rule

Treat other people as you would want to be treated, if you were in the same situation as they were.

So is Rowan Atkinson.

He played Mr Bean and

Johnny English.



Unique

Humanists believe that we are all special because we are all unique. There might be people like us, but no one is exactly the same as us.