Unit FU2.15 What is Humanism?

Prior Learning

Through investigating what is meant by a Good Life, pupils will learn that:

- Most religions/worldviews tell stories from the lives of exemplary people as inspiration about qualities and characteristics of a good life
- They explain the reason for rules
- They also teach about specific actions that are right and wrong and about good and bad attitudes

Key Questions

What is Humanism?

What do Humanists value?

What is a Humanist approach to understanding the world?

What is a Humanist approach to living a happy life?

How can a Humanist know what is good?

How do Humanists put their beliefs into action?

Transferable Question

How do we know the right thing to do?

Key Learning

Explain the concept of Humanism as a non-religion
Describe the core values of Humanist beliefs
Identify and explain the five values of a Humanist approach to life
Explore the way Humanists understand the world around us
Understand what a belief is
Explore what the Humanist concept of a happy life is
Identify aspects of life that Humanists believe help to lead a happy life
Understand that human actions impact on others
Understand how Humanists use empathy and the golden rule to make good choices
Explore how Humanists promote freedom, fairness and kindness
Identify ways in which Humanists take practical action to make the world a better place

Key vocabulary

Humanism, non-religious, empathy, science, evolution, responsibility, atheist, belief, evidence, freedom, tolerance, meaningful life, consequences, empathy, golden rule, solidarity, shared needs, equality