

Knowledge Organiser Year 4 Autumn 1 – Faith and Humanism		
VOCABULARY		
Humanism	Is a belief system which looks into science rather than religion to understand the world.	
Humanist	A follower of humanism	
Atheist	Someone who does not believe in a God or gods.	
Theist	Someone who believes that there is a god or gods.	
Agnostic	Someone who believes you can never know for sure whether God exists or not.	
Evidence	Available body of facts which indicate whether a belief is true or valid.	
Philosophy	The study of questions about existence	
Values	The beliefs that help you to decide what is right and wrong and how to act in various situations.	
Empathy	To understand and share the feelings of others.	
Ethical	Someone who is honest and follows good moral practice.	
Rationality	Thinking about things clearly, in a logical way, with decisions based on facts.	

Humanist Symbol
The humanist symbol is called the Happy Human. It was designed by Dennis Barrington who won a competition organized by the British Humanist Association in 1965. The symbol was chosen for its simplicity, for its happy appearance, happiness and humanity being central concepts to humanists, and for its H-shape, standing for Humanism.

Non-Religious World View
Humanists seek to live good lives without following a religion. Their moral values are based on human nature and life experiences.



Golden Rule
Humanists believe in a 'Golden Rule', which is 'Treat other people as you would like them to treat you.' They believe you should always consider how your actions will affect other people and you should think about how you would feel in someone else's situation.

Ethical decisions	Science
To live good lives, decisions must be made with an understanding of their impact on others.	At the heart of Humanism is the belief that reason, and facts are very important. They believe that science should be used to know what is true and what is false.
Humanists believe decisions should not be made on emotions but on reason, rationality, and logic.	Non- Existence of Gods Most humanists are atheists. They rely on science and have found no evidence that a god exists or ever existed.
Humanism is not a religion and they do not believe in life after death. They believe you must make the best of the one life we have together here on Earth.	

		Which of the humanist rules do you think is the hardest to keep? • Be honest • Use your mind • Tell the truth • Do to other people what you would like them to do to you
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