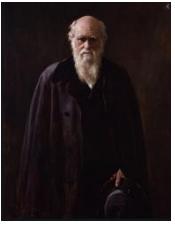


Knowledge Organiser

Year: 6, Subject: RE, Unit: What does it mean to be human? Is being happy the greatest purpose in life?

Overview:

During this sequence of learning, pupils will study what it means to be human. They will study some of the great philosophers and learn about their views on being human. The children will learn about Humanism and humanist views on happiness.

What should I already know?	Vocabulary:		
Philosophy	Humanism	A set of ethics/ideas about how people should live and act.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy is thinking about the world and making sense out of it. • Aristotle, Plato and Socrates were great philosophers from Ancient Greek times. Their thinking has taught us about what is right and wrong, justice and behaving in an ethical way. • Suffering is caused by pain and loss. This can be as a result of natural or medical disaster. Suffering can also happen as a result of the behaviour of people towards others. • Utilitarianism is thinking about right and wrong actions. It says that the best action is the one that makes the most happiness or usefulness. 	Charles Darwin (1809 - 1882)	An English naturalist, geologist and biologist, best known for his contributions to the science of evolution. 	
Humanism	Robert Ingersoll (1833 - 1899)	An American lawyer, writer, and orator d, who campaigned in defence of agnosticism.	
	Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)	A British philosopher.	
	Philosophy	The study of the basic ideas about knowledge, right and wrong, reasoning, and the value of things.	
	Perspective	A person's ability to consider a situation from a different point of view.	
	Emotional intelligence	The ability to understand, use, and manage our emotions.	
	Intellectual capacity	The ability to think, learn, plan, and do things.	

What will I know by the end of the unit?			
<p>Philosophy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does it mean to be human is a difficult question to answer. • Scientists believe that humans are one species of primate that emerged from the dry savannahs of East Africa just over 100,000 years ago. Humanity has been evolving and developing since this time. • Humans and the way they live have evolved over time. • Humans have characteristics that set them apart from other animals - creativity, curiosity, emotional intelligence, intellectual capacity, compassion, empathy, logic, consciousness <p>Humanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanists believe human beings are special and human life is valuable • Humanists don't believe in a god, or believe we can never know if there is a god • Humanists don't believe there is any evidence for an afterlife: we should therefore make the most of this life • Humanists believe human beings should try to live full and happy lives and help others to do the same • Humanists place great importance on making themselves and others happy. 			
	Compassion	To care about others, treat them with kindness, and feel a strong desire to help people in need.	
	Empathy	Someone is able to share or understand the emotions and feelings of another person.	
	Logic	The science of reasoning.	
	Consciousness	Being awake, alert and responsive to the environment.	
<p>Three things that are important to humanists...</p> 			