

Knowledge Organiser

Year: 3

Subject: RE

Unit: What is philosophy? How do people make moral decisions?

Overview:

During this sequence of learning, pupils will study Humanism. Pupils will explore how Humanists believe people should behave in the world and what is meant by making a moral decision.

What should I already know?

Philosophy

- Religion is a collection of beliefs that people have that help them to answer some really big and hard questions, like who made the world, who should we look up to or worship, how should people behave.
- People have different ideas about religion and God because: -
 - They live in different places.
 - They live in different families
 - They think in different ways.
 - They have different friendships and communities.
- It is OK for people to believe in different things. No one religion is right or wrong.
- The world of religion is puzzling because: -
 - we cannot see or meet God in the same way that we can with people we know.
 - It is difficult to understand how a person or being created the world and we only have stories and sacred books to tell us - we can't see it for ourselves.
- Different people think different things about God and religion.

Humanism

- Humanists don't believe in a god or gods, or believe we can't know if there is a god
- Humanists believe we can be good and happy without the need for gods or religion

Vocabulary:

Humanist	Humanists do not believe in a god. They believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilling life without following a traditional religion.
Moral	Following rules of right or fair behaviour.
Dilemma	A situation that requires a choice between two actions, neither of which will be a good solution.
Reward	Something of value that is promised to someone for good work or a good deed.
Punishment	A penalty for doing something wrong.
Empathy	Sharing of another's feelings, situation, or attitudes.
Motivation	The force to keep going even when things are tough.
Virtuous	Having the right actions or thoughts.
Reason	A cause or explanation for an action, opinion, or event.
Poverty	The condition of being poor; a lack of money.
Justice	The giving out of something that is deserved; reward or punishment.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Philosophy

- Philosophy is learning about: -
 - the ideas that make up the knowledge that we have.
 - What is right and wrong and why
 - The value of things
- A moral decision is when someone has to make a choice based on what they believe is proper behaviour and the right thing to do.
- Poverty means not having enough money for basic needs such as food, water, shelter, or toilets. Many people in different countries live in poverty, especially in developing areas of Africa, Latin America and some parts Asia.
- Justice has two meanings: -
 - Sticking to what is fair and right
 - the giving out of something that is deserved; reward or punishment.

Humanism

Humanists believe that: -

- We should treat others the way we would like to be treated
- If everyone tries to do the right thing, we can make the world a better place; if everyone does the wrong thing, then everyone will be worse off
- Making others happy can make us happy
- This world is the only one we have and that human problems can only be solved by humans.

Charity

A group or organisation that helps people in need.

