Y4-6 RE

Big Question- What is humanism?

Key vocabulary

Humanist	a follower of the principles of humanism.
Reason	the power of the mind to think, understand and form judgements
Atheist	Someone who doesn't believe in a God or gods
Agnostic	Someone who believes you can never know for sure whether God exists or not
Theist	Someone who believes that there is a creator God
Empathy	to understand and share the feelings of others.

The Happy Human Logo

What is it all for?

Humanists believe this is the only life we have as there is no scientific PROOF for life after death.

They believe there is **not one meaning to life.** Humans decide their own meaning and purpose. Humans should try to live a full and **HAPPY** life and help others do the same.

Humanism is an approach to life which encourages ethical and fulfilling living on the basis of reason and humanity, and rejects superstition and religion. The most immediate impact of living as a Humanist is that we believe this life is all there is - so what we do and the choices we make really count.

— Stephen Fry —

AZ QUOTES

How do you tell right from wrong?

Humanists do not believe in God so do not believe that our knowledge of right and wrong comes from religious rules such as those found in the Bible.

They believe in the **GOLDEN RULE** which is to treat others as you yourself want to be treated. They think that you should always consider how your actions will affect other people and you should think about how you would feel in someone else's shoes or situation (EMPATHY).

Humanists believe that we should use **REASON** and **EMPATHY** when deciding on the what is right and wrong.