

Building Non-Religious World Views (Humanism) Knowledge

	EYFS	Y2	Y4	Y6	KS3
Beliefs (Religion, Faith and Teachings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Some people do not believe in a religion or particular God. These people have non-religious world views. ✓ Some people who have non-religious world views may want to identify as a Humanist. ✓ A humanist believes that it is important to be kind, share and help others. It is important to look after our world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ An atheist is someone who doesn't believe in a god. ✓ Agnostic is when you neither believe or disbelieve a religion. ✓ Humanists are Atheists and Agnostics who have thought hard about how to live a good life and do right. ✓ A humanist believes that it is important to be kind, share and help others. A humanist believes that it is very important that we look after our world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Some people are not religious (they do not go to church or other religious buildings/places of worship) but still have some beliefs - perhaps in God, or they are not sure about these things. People who think like this are called Agnostics ✓ Some people are not religious and have decided that they do not believe in any God at all. People who think like this are called Atheists. ✓ Humanists are Atheists and Agnostics who have thought hard about how to live a good life and do right. ✓ Humanists primarily make decisions about right and wrong based on what is perceived to bring justice, happiness and peace to individuals, communities and societies. ✓ Humanists do not believe that knowledge of right and wrong comes from a deity or deities or that good deeds or wrong-doing will be judged and/or punished by a god or gods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 'Agonistic' has two meanings. ✓ One meaning: a person who says nothing is known or can be known about anything beyond the material world ✓ Another meaning: a person who does not know whether a god, gods or anything beyond the material world exists. ✓ Some Humanists are agnostic. ✓ Humanism is a life stance but not a religion. ✓ Humanists believe that there is nothing after death so life is precious and people should focus on achieving what they can in life. ✓ The British Humanist Association (BHA) promotes understanding of Humanism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Have had the opportunity to meet and listen to a Humanist and ask her/him questions about her/his life stance. ✓ Be familiar with the terms 'materialist' and 'materialism' and be able to use the words ✓ 'Humanist', 'Humanism', 'atheist', 'atheism', 'agnostic', 'agnosticism', 'secularist', 'secular', 'materialist' and 'materialism' correctly. ✓ Be able to name secular Humanists from a variety of 'walks of life' both past and present. They may include, for example, Alfred Jules Ayer, Simone de Beauvoir, Brian Cox, Friedrich Engels, Ludwig Feuerbach, Stephen Fry, Katharine Hepburn, John Lennon, Karl Marx, Nigella Lawson, Sylvia Pankhurst, Philip Pullman. ✓ Be familiar with the life and work of at least one prominent atheist and have had the opportunity to study short selected passages from his/her work, e.g. the scientist, John Desmond Bernal.

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Practices (Worship, Commitment, Rites of Passage and Pilgrimage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanists still celebrate special occasions like birthdays, babies and weddings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A humanist naming ceremony is a perfect way to celebrate the arrival of a baby, adopted children, or step-children. ✓ Humanists get married but they do not think God has any part of it. ✓ A naming ceremony brings together family and friends to celebrate and to reflect the role they each will play in the life of your child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A humanist naming ceremony is a perfect way to celebrate the arrival of a baby, adopted children, or step-children. ✓ Humanists get married but they do not think God has any part of it. ✓ A naming ceremony brings together family and friends to celebrate and to reflect the role they each will play in the life of your child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanists might celebrate marriage or have events like funerals to mark the death of someone close to them. ✓ Humanists celebrate weddings, births of children but do not believe there is a religious significance. ✓ These weddings must have some things by law such as a registrar. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓
Festivals (Belonging and Celebration)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanists celebrate special occasions but without the religious beliefs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanists celebrate special occasions but without the religious beliefs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanists celebrate special occasions but without the religious beliefs. ✓ Many people are humanists and belong to the Humanist UK- which is a society that brings non-religious people together to develop their own views and an understanding of the world around them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanist ideas affect music, song, poetry, literature and the arts. One example is John Lennon's Imagine. ✓ Another humanist was German scientist Albert Einstein. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓