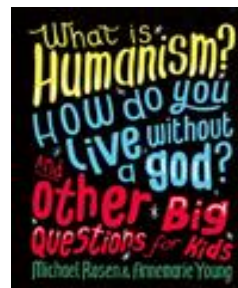


Understanding Humanism

We will be exploring and investigating?

- What the **key beliefs** of humanism are?
- Why humanists **don't believe in God**.
- Why humanists have **no places of worship** but see wonder in the natural world.
- Know that humanists believe the environment and living things should be protected.
- Why humanists value human beings' ability to ask questions and find answers.
- How humanists celebrate new life with a **naming ceremony**.
- Whether rules, laws and the promise of reward or the fear of punishment are the only reasons to be good.
- What motivates humanists to be good? What is the **golden rule**?
- How humanists believe one of the best **ways to be happy** is to make other people happy.
- Whether it is possible to be certain about your **belief or non-belief** in a god or gods.



Word Bank

identity belong community faith
belief compassion values celebrate
environment question ceremony happiness
responsibility freedom science atheist
agnostic evolution human rights morality
celebrant materialism perspective

Atheist- a person who doesn't believe in the existence of God.

Agnostic- belief that the existence of God is unknown or uncertain.

Golden rule- a special rule all humanists try to follow.

Happy man- the symbol used to represent Humanism.

Values- individual beliefs that affect how a person thinks, speaks and acts.

Evolution- the physical ways something changes or develops over time e.g. an animal evolves to have sharp teeth to kill its prey.