

Knowledge Organiser

Year: 5 & 6 Subject: RE

Unit: Is believing in God reasonable?

Overview:

During this sequence of learning, pupils will look at whether believing in a God is reasonable, why there is suffering in the world and what we can learn from the great philosophers.

What should I already know?

Philosophy

- 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.
- Knowing is to have direct experience, to understand, and to have a practical understanding of a concept or thing.
- Believing is holding an opinion.
- Truth is what is real. A thing is true if it is a fact.
- Seeing is believing is a saying that is used when something unlikely is witnessed, the truth of its occurrence or existence can no longer be doubted.

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.
  - Humanists take an active role in supporting poverty and justice issues and many give money and time to support action on world poverty
- The following are key Humanist values: - compassion, kindness, tolerance, free speech, rational thought

Vocabulary:

Philosophy

Thinking about the world and making sense of it.

Ethics

Branch of philosophy that deals with moral values - what is right/wrong.

Dignity

A sense of pride or self-respect as shown in someone's behaviour.

Atheist

A person who believes there is no God or Gods.

Utilitarianism

Actions are right if they are useful or for the benefit of the majority.

Suffering

To feel pain or misfortune.

Pain

Physical hurt or discomfort.

Right

What is fair and good.

Wrong

Not moral or good.

Moral

To do with what is right and wrong in how a person acts.

Responsible

Able to make the right decisions.

Moderation

Avoiding excesses or extremes.

Abstract

Formed in the mind or in thought, with little connection to what actually exists or is proven.

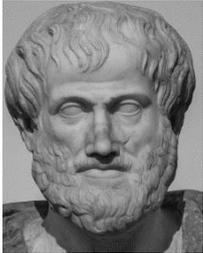
## What will I know by the end of the unit?

### Philosophy

- 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.

### Humanism

- Humanism is a world view where the followers do not believe in god - they look to science as a way to explain the world.
- Humanists believe in a set of ethics about the way people should live.



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