








Year 8 – Animal Rights – Knowledge Organiser

Key terms	Animals are used for a range of things; companionship, help, work, sport, food, fashion, leisure, entertainment, education about preservation, experiments and scientific developments.		Key Teachings				
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<p>Dominion Taking charge or having power over something.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">How does society try to protect the rights of animals?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join groups which promote animal rights e.g. RSPCA, WWF. Support breeding programmes which help to ensure endangered species do not become extinct. Taking part in non-violent protests e.g. writing letters, demonstrations, boycotting animal products. Choose to become a vegetarian/vegan or refuse to buy items with animal products e.g. fur coats. 		<p>“Help not harm every living thing.” (Buddhism)</p> <p>“Destruction of nature, results from ignorance, greed and lack of respect.” (Dalia Lama, Buddhism)</p>				
<p>Humanist A person who thinks humans are the most important, compassion towards them should come first.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St Francis of Assisi - Christian</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Gave up all his possessions and devoted his life to helping the poor and sick. He called all things in the natural world his brothers and sisters, and wrote a song about nature called ‘The Canticles of the Sun’. He spoke to birds and tamed a wolf. He believed we should treat everything in the world like a brother or sister, as God the Father had created us all.</p> </div> </div>		<p>“The earth is green and beautiful and Allah has appointed you as stewards over it.” (Islam)</p>				
<p>Stewardship Looking after or taking care of something.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Arguments FOR the use of animals</p> <p>Christianity – Animal experimentation allowed if it could save human lives as we are made in God’s image and have a soul, so are more important than animals.</p> <p>Islam – The Qur’an states that animals can and should be used by humans.</p> <p>Judaism – Part of worshipping G-d has involved making sacrifices of animals in the Bible.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Arguments AGAINST the use of animals</p> <p>Buddhism – Goes against the first precept to ‘abstain from killing’ and also generates bad karma.</p> <p>Hinduism – All living things have a soul, and should be respected in line with ahimsa (no violence), especially cows as is a Hindu God.</p> <p>Islam – Follow example of Muhammed who cared for animals (e.g. the thirsty camel).</p>	<p>“In nature we see God.” (Sikhism)</p> <p>“We support the reduction of animal suffering resulting from human behaviour.” (Humanism)</p>				
<p>Vegan A person who does not use any animal products at all e.g. dairy, leather.</p>	   						
<p>Vegetarian A person who does not eat meat or fish.</p>							