

YEAR 1 – HUMANISM: BELIEFS– MEDIUM TERM PLAN

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	Previous knowledge				
	The children are yet to explore Humanism, this is a new religion.				
	Learning Title	New Vocabulary	Core Knowledge	Assessment	Resources
	What is humanism	Humanism, humanist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanists do not believe in a god, they believe it is possible to live a good and fulfilled life without following a traditional religion. They do not have a holy book either. Humanists do not have a regular place of worship. Humanism is a relatively new religion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is humanism? Where did humanism come from? 	Cambridgeshire RE Scheme
	Beliefs	Science, afterlife, traits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanists believe that people have one life to live, there is no afterlife. As a result they focus on being happy and making the most of their life. Humanists value traits like reason and rely on science to explain things. Humanists believe that being a human being is special. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do humanists belief? How does the humanist religion differ to others? 	Cambridgeshire RE Scheme
	Human beings are special	Human	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What human beings share with other animals and what makes us unique. Our ability to question and reason, to empathise with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why do humanists think humans are special? 	Cambridgeshire RE Scheme

			<p>other humans and animals, and our creativity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How human beings have improved and can further improve our quality of life and our understanding of the world, including human achievements in science, medicine, art, and society 		
	The Happy Human	Happy human	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Happy Human as a symbol of Humanism. • Happiness as a worthwhile aim; the importance of relationships, exploration, and achieving goals • Many ways of finding happiness; there is no one recipe for happiness • One way to be happy is to make other people happy (Robert Ingersoll) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can humanists be happy? • Why is being happy so important to humans? 	Cambridgeshire RE Scheme
	Celebration of lives	Celebrant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuing and celebrating human life by marking key moments in people's lives such as births, weddings and deaths • Humanist naming ceremonies: celebrating the arrival of a new baby; promises of love and support from family and friends • The importance of human relationships; the need for love and support from other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are special ways Humanists celebrate in their lives? 	Cambridgeshire RE Scheme

			<p>people in our lives; including the need to offer support as well as accepting it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No special Humanist festivals but many humanists celebrate traditional festivals such as Christmas as a time to recognise the importance of family, friendship and kindness 		
	Being good to one another	The Golden Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons to be good to each other; promoting happiness and avoiding doing harm. • Thinking about the consequences of our actions • The Golden Rule – promotes kindness and care for the less fortunate, discourages lying, bullying, cruelty and theft. • Taking care of other living creatures and the natural world 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do humanists think we should be good to each other? 	
	Assessment	All of the above	All of the above. .	All of the above.	

