**YEAR 1 – HUMANISM: BELIEFS– MEDIUM TERM PLAN**

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| **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.  | * 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.
 | * What is humanism?
* Where did humanism come from?
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| **Beliefs** | Science, afterlife, traits. | * 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.
 | * What do humanists belief?
* How does the humanist religion differ to others?
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| **Human beings are special** | Human | * What human beings share with other animals and what makes us unique.
* Our ability to question and reason, to empathise with other humans and animals, and our creativity
* 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
 | * Why do humanists think humans are special?
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| **The Happy Human** | Happy human  | * 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)
 | * How can humanists be happy?
* Why is being happy so important to humans?
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| **Celebration of lives** | Celebrant | * 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 people in our lives; including the need to offer support as well as accepting it
* 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
 | * What are special ways Humanists celebrate in their lives?
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| **Being good to one another** | The Golden Rule | * 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
 | * Why do humanists think we should be good to each other?
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| **Assessment** | All of the above | All of the above. .  | All of the above.  |  |
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