

RE Knowledge Organiser

Creation and Science; conflicting or complementary

What we will be learning:

- The importance of Creation on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible.
- What Genesis 1 might mean, and compare our ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different interpretations.
- Connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator.
- Why many Christians find science and faith go together.
- How to justify opinions about a text.
- Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account.

Things to think about:

How can we hold differing views while having a ... relationship?

How can we disagree respectfully?

How can we find common ground?

What does the literal view of the creation story tell us about how we should care for the earth and everything in it?

What does the scientific view tell us about this?

Key Knowledge

- Some Christians believe that the account of Genesis is literally true
- Others see it as a poetic account, or an extended metaphor
- Some see the scientific account as how the universe came into being, while they see religion as *why*
- There are many scientists who are Christian

Key Vocabulary and Definitions:

Science:	the study of the structure and behaviour of the natural and physical world
Genesis:	the first book of the Bible and Torah which includes God creating the world
Big Bang Theory:	the belief that the universe began with a large explosion of matter
Complementary:	when a number of things work well together and help explain each other
Creation:	the act of creating the world by God or everything that God created
Literal:	taking words and stories as they are without any interpretation
Creator:	the being who created everything in the universe
Conflicting:	no agreement or support for different ideas or views
Interpretation:	an explanation of the meaning of something
Theory:	a set of ideas to attempt to explain something

