

R.E Knowledge Organiser - Year 6 Autumn 1 2023

Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

Our Learning

For Christians across the world, The Book of Genesis in the Bible explains the story of creation. Many Christians believe it is literal – that the World was made in 6 days. However, many other Christians believe it is more complicated, that God played a major part but that it took a lot longer.

Scientists and cosmologists have another theory – that the universe was created in what is called 'The Big Bang' – a singularity that exploded into life, created the universe as it is today over billions of years, and is still expanding today.

Specific learning:

We will:

- Consider what type of text Christians think Genesis is and what its purpose is
- Think about how Christians interpret the text
- Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator
- Weigh up how far Genesis 1 conflicts with or compliments the scientific account, giving reasons for our views

KEY VOCABULARY	MEANING
Genesis	The first book in the Bible. Its name comes from the opening words, 'In the beginning'.
creation	The term given to creation of the universe as an act of God
scientist	Someone who studies an aspect of science
cosmologist	A scientist who uses space-based and ground-based telescopes and satellites to study the universe, including planets, black holes and galaxies
universe	All of space and time and their contents, including planets, stars, galaxies and all other forms of matter or energy
evolution	Process by which species adapt over time in response to their changing environment
Theory	A carefully thought-out explanation for observations of the natural world which brings together facts and hypotheses
Hypothesis	An explanation based on limited evidence as a starting point for an investigation

