

Bishop Bronescombe C of E Primary School



RE UNIT: Christianity: Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?

Year 5/6

Strand: Creation/Fall



Some Christians believe that the Genesis 1 creation narrative is an exact recount of how the world began, starting with heavens and Earth on Day 1, therefore discounting scientific theories such as the Big Bang Theory.

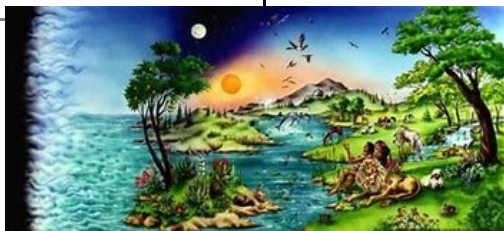


Some Christians believe that the Genesis 1 creation narrative is a message about God's nature, rather than an exact account of what happened.

Some Christians believe that scientific theories can explain HOW the world began and Genesis 1 explains WHY.

Key vocabulary

Creation	Christians believe the universe and human life are God's good creation. Humans are made in the image of God.
Universe	Everything we can sense, touch, measure or detect. It includes living things, planets, stars, galaxies, dust clouds, light, and even time.
Big Bang Theory	When the universe exploded (Big Bang), nearly 14 billion years ago, it created time, space and galaxies.
Evolution	The way something develops and changes over time.
Adaption	The way something changes for the better to suit something new.
Awe	A sense of wonder.
Psalm	A song or poem from the Bible for worshipping God.
Stewardship	Looking after something



By the end of the unit, you should be able to:

Making sense of the text:

I can outline the importance of Creation on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible.
I can identify what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is, and its purpose.
I can suggest what Genesis 1 might mean, and compare their ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different interpretations.

Understanding the impact:

I can make connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator.
I can show an understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together.

Make connections:

I can identify key ideas arising from their study of Genesis 1 and comment on how far these are helpful or inspiring, justifying their responses.
I can weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account