Religious Education Knowledge Organiser – Christianity, Creation & science: conflicting or complementary?

Key Vocabulary

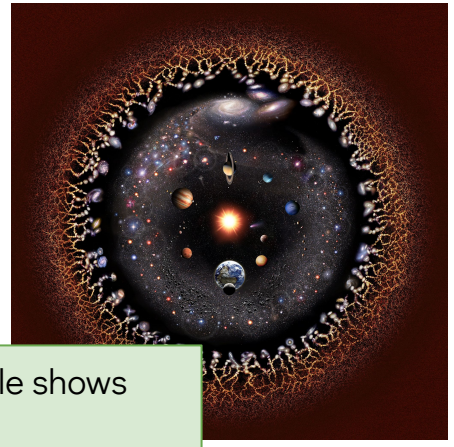
Word	Definition
Big bang	an explanation of the event that is believed to have led to the Creation of the universe
Evolution	the change in the characteristics of a species over several generations – relies on the process of natural selection
Cosmology	The science of the origin and development of the universe
Complementary belief	two different interpretations of an idea can work together - science and religion
Creation	The origin of the Universe and everything in it.
Genesis	The first book in the Bible which includes the Creation story

Key Learning

- Know where Creation fits on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible.
- Know the main points of the Creation story.
- Know that the creation story appears in Genesis, the first book in the Bible.
- Know how Genesis 1 links to Christian belief as God the Creator.
- Show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together.

What should I be able to do?

- Explain what a Christian understanding of God is like, using examples and evidence.
- Explain how different Christians may interpret Genesis
- Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator.
- Weigh up how far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account.
- Give your own opinion on Genesis and Science.
- Explain your understanding of awe and wonder.



What we have already learnt

The creation story, Adam and Eve, and it's position on a timeline. That the Bible shows that God wants to help people. Know why Christians pray to God. The Ten Commandments. Make links between stories in the Bible and how people should behave.