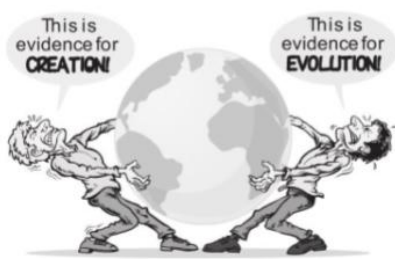


Owl RE Knowledge Organiser Term 1

Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?



Key Objectives

- Identify what type of text some Christians say *Genesis* 1 is, and its purpose.
- Suggest what *Genesis* might mean, and compare ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it, showing awareness of different interpretations, making connections with beliefs as God as creator.
- Show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together.
- Weigh up how far the *Genesis* 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary with a scientific account.

Key Vocabulary

Complementary	Different but making sense (or being useful or attractive) when used together
Conflict	If beliefs, needs, or facts, etc. conflict, they are very different and cannot easily exist together or both be true
Contemporary	Existing or happening now
Cosmology	Scientific study of the universe and how it was created
Evolution	The way in which living things change and develop over millions of years
Faith	A strong belief in something that is not proven
Genesis	The first book of the Old Testament of the Bible where the story of creation is found.
Science	The systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the natural and physical world, or knowledge obtained about the world by watching it carefully and experimenting.
Universe	Everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including all the stars and planets in space.

Sticky Knowledge

- There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts in *Genesis* and contemporary scientific accounts.
- These debates and controversies relate to the purpose and interpretation of the texts. e.g. does reading *Genesis* as a poetic account conflict with scientific accounts?
- There are many scientists throughout history and now who are Christians.
- The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator.