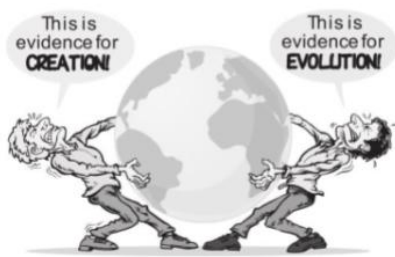


Owl RE Knowledge Organiser Term 3

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

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| 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.