

Key vocabulary

Creation	<i>The creation of the universe.</i>
Genesis	<i>The first book of the Bible.</i>
Cosmology	<i>The science of the origin and development of the universe.</i>
Evolution	<i>The process by which different kinds of living organism are believed to have developed from earlier forms during the history of the Earth.</i>
The Big Bang Theory	<i>The Big Bang Theory is leading explanation about how the universe began. At its simplest, it says that the universe started with a small singularity and then expanded over the next 13.8 billion years to the cosmos we know today.</i>
Awe	<i>A feeling of respect mixed with wonder.</i>
Wonder	<i>A feeling of amazement and admiration.</i>

Learning sequence

- Genesis creation story – what is the key message?
- Study the story as a detective story and as a poem-interpretations
- Scientific account of cosmology (beginning of the universe) and of evolution (development of living beings)
- Why might some people say creation and science are in conflict?
- Why might some people say creation and science are complementary?
- Find out about Christians who are also scientists, such as Dr Jennifer Wiseman
- Are there questions that science cannot answer?

Important facts

There are many scientists through history, and now, who are Christians.

The discoveries of science make Christians wonder even more about the power and majesty of the Creator.

There is much debate and some controversy around the relationship between the accounts of creation in Genesis and contemporary scientific accounts.

These debates and controversies relate to the interpretation of the texts.



Creation & Science- conflict or complimentary?

Final outcome

Pupils will ...
Illustrate the extracts from Psalm 8 to create a class art gallery – reflect on these images and how they might relate to questions about religion and science.



The big story of Christianity



Creation

Key skills

Text 	Outline the importance of Creation on the timeline of the 'big story' of the Bible; Identify what type of text some Christians say Genesis 1 is, and its purpose; Suggest what Genesis 1 might mean, and compare your ideas with ways in which Christians interpret it.
Impact 	Make clear connections between Genesis 1 and Christian belief about God as Creator; Show understanding of why many Christians find science and faith go together.
Connections 	Identify key ideas arising from your study of Genesis 1. Comment on how far these are helpful or inspiring, justifying your responses; How far the Genesis 1 creation narrative is in conflict, or is complementary, with a scientific account.

Biblical links

Creation: Genesis 1:1-2:3