

RE Creation and Science; Conflicting or Complementary?

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Unit 4 - Year 5 & 6

Duration: 7 Weeks

How the universe began



Science

Religion



Conflicting or Complementary?

How do some people believe the universe began?



In the first books of the Bible - Genesis - Chapter 1 explains the Christian belief that God created the world in six days and then rested on the seventh day.

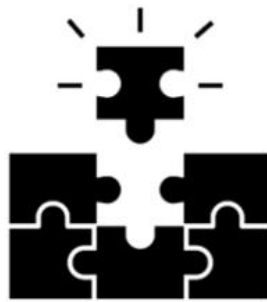
Some people think the universe began when a huge explosion occurred. This idea is known as the Big Bang Theory.



Beliefs today:

There have been many different ideas about how the universe began from religion and from science.

Some people believe only one of these explanations and think they conflict each other. Others, including some religious scientists, believe both explanations can work together and describe the beginning of the universe in different ways.



Key Vocabulary

	Creation	The belief that God created the world and everything in it.
	Science	A way of understanding how the universe and natural world work using evidence and investigation.
	Genesis	The first book of the Bible and Torah which includes God creating the world.
	Conflicting	No agreement or support for different ideas or views.
	Big Bang Theory	The belief that the universe began with a large explosion of matter.
	Interpretation	An explanation of the meaning of something.