

Our World

In this unit of work the children will focus on the uniqueness of the Earth as our World that everyone has a duty to respect and conserve.

They will also be exploring how various faiths have explained some of life's big and difficult-to-answer questions.

In this unit children will:

- explore beliefs about how the universe began
- recognise that the Earth is unique and consider the concept of stewardship
- compare different faith beliefs about how the universe began
- give reasons why people of faith have a sense of awe and wonder about the Earth
- explore religious teachings to see how faith members should care for the Earth
- investigate how faith members show care for the environment
- express thoughts and beliefs about how the universe began
- share feelings about the sense of awe and wonder in the natural world

Key Vocabulary

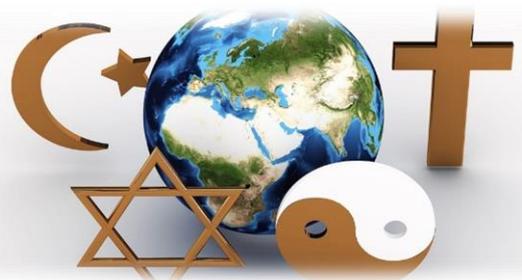
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belonging
unique
artefacts
awe
creation
celebration
commitment
shared values
wonder
stewardship
beliefs
reflect
differences
similarities

Prior Learning

Year 1 1.3 Caring for the world

Cross Curricular Links

PSHE Environmental awareness



Key Knowledge

- We are all stewards of this world; we need to look after it.
- Faith believers recognise creation as sacred.
- Responsibility for Earth is given to human beings; people of faith believe that we were made to look after all the rest of creation.
- There are significant challenges in living in a 'disposable world'.
- Faith members may make environmental choices affected and influenced by their beliefs.
- We can all take responsibility – have stewardship- for a small part of our World: our school, our homes, our gardens, etc.

Key Questions

- Where did the Earth come from? Is it sacred?
- What do different faiths say about the sacredness of life?
- How do faith members interpret creation stories?
- How are creation stories similar or different?
- How does belief in a Creator God influence believers' lives?
- What is meant by stewardship of the Earth?
- What do holy books say about the respect for the world?
- How do humans treat Earth now? What impact is this having?
- How can we better care for Our World?

