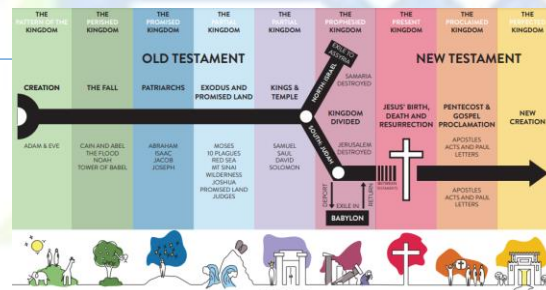




What should I already know?

- The 'Big Story' is made up from all the Bible teachings. It is made up from stories such as Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, The story of Moses and David and Goliath.
- It is believed that Jesus was the Messiah and he was brought back to the world to live a sinless life, perform miracles and show people how to return to God again.
- Matthew and others believed that Jesus was the Messiah and many people came to visit him when he was born (the story of Christmas).
- The creation story links to 'The Big Story'.
- The Bible is split into the 'Old Testament' and the 'New Testament'.



Genesis

- Genesis is the first book of the Bible. It is divided into three parts.
- Genesis 1 describes the creation of Heaven and Earth.
- Genesis 2 focuses on the creation of the first humans, Adam and Eve.
- In Genesis 3, Christians learn how Adam and Eve disobeyed God and brought sin into the world.
- Many Christians disagree about the genre and purpose of Genesis. Some say it is a literal account (the universe was created in 6 days), others that it is more a description of what God and creation are like.

Cosmology

- **Cosmology** – The universe began almost 14 billion years ago named the 'Big Bang' by scientists.
- One theory suggests our universe emerged from an infinitely hot and dense point.
- The universe expanded faster than the speed of light. As it expanded and cooled particles condensed.
- Atomic nuclei developed and light filled the whole of space.
- As space expanded gravity began to pull the matter together. When stars exploded, these scattered and condensed to make the solar system or new stars and planets.

Theory of evolution

- **Evolution** – Conditions had to be just right for life to be possible 14 billion years ago. About three and a half billion years ago cells emerged through reproduction.
- More complex creatures evolved from these cells.
- Changes happen to the genetic code and natural selection of creatures best suited to their environment.

cosmology	The beginning or the origin of the universe.
origin	the point or place something begins.
evolution	the development of living beings.
atheist	People who do not believe God exists.
agnostics	People who believe you can not know if God exists or are still undecided.
Genesis	The first book of the Bible
astrophysicist	A person who studies the physics of space.
quarks	A quark is a tiny particle which makes up protons and neutrons. Atoms are made of protons, neutrons and electrons

In RE we are...

Discovering together, exploring beliefs and sharing stories.

Complementary or conflicting views?

- Some people think that Genesis 1 cannot be true because the scientific account contradicts it, but that depends how you interpret Genesis.
- Christians celebrate God as Creator through harvest, but also in art and music.
- There are many Christians who are scientists. Dr Jennifer Wiseman believes that science can complement creation.
- The Church of England (2010) agreed to promote a better understanding of science and belief in God are not in conflict.

What do people believe?

- The majority of Christians accept evolution and many scientists find that the evolutionary process and the beauty of creation inspiring.
- Main ideas about Christian beliefs could be: God is the creator of the universe; Genesis is an important religious text; the world was created in 6 days; the universe is an amazing place.