

Year 6 Religious Education – Home learning tasks

This term we have been exploring both the Christian and scientific beliefs and views about the creation of the world. We have discussed whether these views can indeed be complimentary or if they are conflicting. We have learnt about the evolution theory, the big bang, young earth creationism and old earth creationism.

In the last few weeks we have read Psalm 8, which talks about how God has given humans the responsibility to care for the world that has been created. Muslims believe that we are 'Khalifahs' – stewards of the earth and everything in it because it belongs to God not us. Hindu's believe in Ahimsa – non-violence, where it is important not to harm any living thing. Therefore, should Christians, Muslims, Hindu's be acting to prevent more pollution and climate change? Is it just people of faith who should care for the world or is it a responsibility for all humanity?

"Nature is God's way of reminding us how magnificent we really are." (Gail Lynne Goodwin)

"In 2020 the number of plastics in the sea will be higher than the number fish"

Practical project

In school we are planning to create a display depicting 'creation' however this creation made out of things that are actually causing damage to the beautiful work we are living in (the irony of the two statements above). Whilst you are at home it would be amazing if you could create some items for the display. I have included some pictures to give you a guide. Using plastics we will be making flowers, fish, birds, animals etc... These will form a creation image in school, allowing us all the opportunity to stop and think about our actions and the effect this is having and will have on our world.

Flowers



Fish of the sea/Birds of the air



(YouTube clip on how to recycle a milk carton into a bird)

Animals of the land



These are just a few examples, you might find some different ones. Have fun!

Extension: Do some research about a religious organisation who campaign for the environment (Tearfund, Friends of the Earth, Operation Noah, Rocha, interfaithsustain, Muslim Hands, Green Muslims, Bhumi project, greenfaith etc... this can be presented how you would like (poster, flier, leaflet, powerpoint - be creative!))