

Year 8 – Planet Earth and Humans – Knowledge Organiser

Key terms	The natural world includes animals, plants and parts of nature that are not made by people. The natural world is different from place to place, and is full of wonder and beauty.		Key Teachings
Big Bang Theory			"God breathed into Adam
The scientific view of the	Christian Creation Story	Science - The Big Bang Theory	the breath of life".
beginning of the universe.	It is found in the book of Genesis in the Bible.	The universe started with the Big Bang about 14	(Christianity)
		billion years ago. It was an explosion from a very	
Dominion	Day 1: Night and Day	small point that is continually expanding. Time,	"The earth is the Lord's and
Taking charge or having	Day 2: Heavens	space and matter all began here.	everything in it."
power over something.	Day 3: Land and Plants		(Christianity)
	Day 4: Sun, Moon and Stars	Humans and other animals are here as a result of	
Evolution	Day 5: Birds and Fish	evolution, adapting to their environment through	"Destruction of nature,
Change in inherited traits	Day 6: Land animals and man	a process called Natural Selection.	results from ignorance,
in a species.	Day 7: God rested. Day 7 Day 5 Day 6	****	greed and lack of respect." (Dalia Lama, Buddhism)
Conservation	Buddhism and Souls	Christianity and Souls	· · · ·
To repair and protect	Buddhists believe there is no eternal soul of self	Christians believe that God created man in his own	"The earth Is green and
animals and areas of	(anatta), but some believe in an energy.	image and gave them the "breath of life". This,	beautiful and Allah has
natural beauty.	They believe nothing is permanent, everything	they believe is our soul. People were made last	appointed you as stewards
	changes, and so everlasting souls can't exist.	and are therefore special.	over it." (Islam)
Humanist			
A person who thinks	We SHOULD care for the environment	We SHOULDN'T care for the environment	"In nature we see God."
humans are the most			(Sikhism)
important, compassion	Christianity – We have a responsibility to look	Christianity - We have dominion so are in charge	
towards them should	after the environment as God's stewards on earth:	and can do what we want: "Rule overevery living	"In the beginning God
come first.	"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."	creature."	created the heavens and
	1		the earth." (Christianity)
Stewardship	Islam – We are khalifah's, so should act as	Humanism - We should put humans first. This is	
Looking after or taking	guardians of the planet and are accountable.	our one life, we won't be punished later on in li fe.	"When I admire the
care of something.			wonders of a sunset or the
	Environmental Activists – We should think about		beauty of the moon, my
Universe	future generations as well as the animals and		soul expands in the
All of time and space and	humans on the planet nowadays e.g. Greta		worship of the creator."
its contents.	Thunberg.		(Sikhism)