

North Road Community Primary School



Knowledge Organiser

Learning Question: Green religion? How and why should religious communities do more to care for the Earth?

Class: Jupiter (Year 5 & 6)

Term: Term 5 & 6 (Cycle B)

Vocabulary			What will we know at the end of this term?	
General			Christianity and Stewardship:	
Environment		Everything around us in the natural world. The environment includes people, animals, plants and resources.	- Christians believe that if they live sensibly and in partnership with the earth, that it will bring them closer to God. - Celebrations and worship remind Christians of their duty as stewards (e.g. Harvest Festival). - Humans have a special responsibility as stewards to look after the planet for God. They do however have dominion over animals. This means they can use animals, but not abuse them.	
Needs		Things that are necessities that we must have in order to survive and thrive.	Islam and Stewardship: - All Muslims believe that Allah created, owns and sustains the world. - The survival of the planet depends upon Muslims maintaining the natural fitrah (balance). - Muslims see it as their duty to use their skills to help keep the balance in the world. - When they die, Muslims will have to prove how well they have looked after the world, and whether they have been a good khalifah (guardian) in order to get into paradise.	
Stewardship		Looking after something for its real owner. Caring for the Earth on behalf of God.	Judaism and Stewardship: Jews believe that God created the world and gave human beings a special responsibility within creation to cultivate it, guard it and use it wisely. This is called stewardship.	
Sustainability		Using the Earth's resources in a way that protects the environment for present and future generations.	Humanists and Stewardship: - As there is no God or supernatural force, human beings must take sole responsibility for solving the world's environmental problems. - Only humans are capable of finding the solutions that can lead to a sustainable existence.	
Wants		Things that are luxuries that humans desire, but are not needed for survival.	Hinduism and Stewardship: - Everything around us is part of the Earth and nature. - We should practice ahimsa (the principle of non-violence) with the Earth. - Also, all living things in the natural world are sacred because they are part of God.	
Having a form of control and responsibility which was given to humans by God. DOMINION Because of dominion, believers can use what is on the planet, from plants to animals. Dominion does not, however, give humans the right to exploit or abuse these resources. Kingship; being in charge of the world for God.			What should we already know? Litter / Fly Tipping Burning fossil fuels Battery farming Mass urbanisation Car pollution Use of chemical insecticides /fertilisers Air Pollution Intensive farming Deforestation Marine pollution Genetically Modified foods Damaging the Planet	

Key Beliefs

All religions believe that we have a responsibility to care for the world and the environment. These beliefs are often at the very centre of religious teachings. However, believing that we should care for the world is not only a religious belief. Many people who do not follow a particular religion, believe strongly that we should protect the earth and its' environment.

Key Charities and Influential People

Chico Mendes	Greta Thunberg	IFEES: The Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences	The Big Green Jewish Campaign	A Rocha
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