

**Autumn Term – Year 6 Branch 1 Creation and covenant**

*'The heavens are telling the glory of God' (Ps 19:1). In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.*

**In this year, pupils will focus their gospel study on St John. They will also look at the second account of Creation, understanding what is meant by the 'Fall' and be able to make connections with Jesus as the new Adam in St John's gospel.**

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		Each Learning Focus is expected to take 2.5 hours of curriculum time – approximately one week.
<b>Hear</b>	<p>Hear - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will hear the following key texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The second account of Creation (Genesis 2:5-10, 15-23, 3:1-7,9-13, 17-19)</li> <li>• Jn 1:1-5, 16-18</li> <li>• The Nicene Creed</li> <li>• Laudato Si' 66-67</li> </ul> <p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The literary forms employed in the Genesis account.</li> <li>• The Genesis account of Creation and Fall is not a literal scientific description, but expresses beliefs about God, the world, and human beings (see CCC 159).</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Learning Focus 1 – Week 1</u></b></p> <p>Catholics believe that the Genesis account of Creation and Fall teaches us beliefs about God, the world and human beings – but not as scientific facts.</p> <p><b><u>Learning Focus 2 – Week 2</u></b></p> <p>Catholics believe the world is in disarray because humans choose to do evil again and again. This is called original sin; the story of Adam and Eve explains why the world is no longer as good as it was in the beginning.</p>
<b>Believe</b>	<p>Believe - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The world is in disarray because humans choose to do evil again and again. This is called original sin; the story of Adam and Eve explains why the world is no longer as good as it was in the beginning. (YCfK 22)</li> <li>• In Jesus, God restored humanity's relationship with him.</li> <li>• Baptism is the first sacrament of the forgiveness of sins. It unites Christians with Jesus Christ, who dies and rises, and strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit.</li> <li>• Belief in God as sustainer and source of the universe is compatible with the scientific account of the beginnings of the universe and the theory of evolution.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Learning Focus 3 – Week 3</u></b></p> <p>Catholics believe that Baptism is the first sacrament of the forgiveness of sins.</p> <p><b><u>Learning Focus 4 – Week 4</u></b></p>
<b>Celebrate</b>	<p>Celebrate - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The symbols in the Sacrament of Baptism that point to a Christian's new life in Christ</li> <li>• The Church teaches that the Nicene Creed allows all believers to make a common statement of their faith.</li> </ul>	<p>Catholics believe there are links between Laudato Si and the truths revealed in the Second Creation story in Genesis.</p> <p><b><u>Learning Focus 5 and 6 – Week 5 and Week 6</u></b></p>
<b>Live</b>	<p>Live - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many scientists are Christians and they do not see any conflict between their faith and science.</li> <li>• The work of Catholic scientists in contributing to the scientific account of the beginnings of the universe (e.g., the work of Mendel and Lemaitre). The ways in which some sin is social and embedded in social structures (cf. CCC 1868-69).</li> </ul>	<p>Catholics believe that the work of Christian scientists contribute to the scientific account of the beginnings and they do not see any conflict between their faith and science.</p>