# The Knowledge

**Supporting the National Curriculum** 



**Knowing More** 

**Remembering More** 

**Learning More** 

#### **Natural World**



### **Key Concepts**

- Big Questions about how the world was created
- Empathy when our creations are ruined
- The story of Creation shared by Muslims, Christians and Jewish people
- Themes of temptation and evil entering the world in the story of The Fall
- The Hindu view on Creation
- Stewardship of the world
- The Jewish duty of Tikkun Olam to protect the world

# **Key Festivals**

Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year when creation is celebrated

Sept / Oct

Christian Sabbath and Jewish Shabbat - when the day of rest is remembered.

Sat / Sun

Tu B'Shevat - the Jewish New Year festival for trees when tikkun olam (duty to heal or mend a broken world) is celebrated.

Jan / Feb

### **Key Facts**

- There are many Big Questions in the world about which different people have different ideas and beliefs.
- Christians, Muslims and Jewish people tell the Old Testament story of Creation in six days with a rest on the seventh.
- The day of rest is called the sabbath or Shabbat and is traditionally the day to worship.
- The story of The Fall in the Garden of Eden is believed to be the origins of sin in the world.
- Hindus do not have a set creation story but believe we should just marvel in God's creation.
- Stewardship is the idea that we should all care for the world.
- The story of Honi highlights what Jewish people believe about tikkun olam.
- The UN convention of the Rights of the Child helps children focus on how to look after the world.

## Key Vocabulary

**Christian:** Someone who believes there is one God and they follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

**Creation Story:** The story that Christians believe explains how the world began.

**Stewardship:** Looking after something and taking care and control over it.

Torah: The Jewish holy book

Tikkun Olam: Hebrew for repairing the world and it is the

cornerstone of the Jewish faith.

#### Test Yourself

What do religions teach about the natural world?

Who created the world? What does the bible say?

What did God say about how to take care of the world?

What is the Hindu belief about creation? How can we care for the beautiful world? How can we repair the world?

#### Looking after the world



