

## Wonderful words

**Science:** the study of the structure and behaviour of the natural and physical world

**Genesis:** the first book of the Bible and Torah which includes God creating the world

**Big Bang Theory:** the belief that the universe began with a large explosion of matter

**Complementary:** when a number of things work well together and help explain each other

**Creation:** the act of creating the world by God or everything that God created

**Literal:** taking words and stories as they are without any interpretation

**Creator:** the being who created everything in the universe

**Conflicting:** no agreement or support for different ideas or views

**Interpretation:** an explanation of the meaning of something

**Theory:** a set of ideas to attempt to explain something

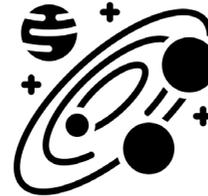
## So how does it all work?

How the universe began



Science

Religion



Conflicting or Complementary?

## Important information

There have been many different ideas about how the universe began from religion and from science.

**Genesis** chapter 1 in the Bible explains about a **Creator** God who made the world in six days and then rested on the seventh day. Some Christians have a **literal** understanding of the Bible and believe this happened as exactly as it says. Their **interpretation** of the **Creation** is that God made everything in six periods of twenty-four hours.

Some people have the **theory** that universe began with an explosion and they call this the **Big Bang Theory**.

Some people only believe one of these stories and say that they are **conflicting** accounts of the creation of the universe. Other people, such as religious scientists, believe that the stories about how the universe began are **complementary** and talk about the same thing but in different ways.