

Biblical

Our Wonderful World! Week 4: Nature

There are many references to nature in the Bible. God creates all nature in the book of Genesis and makes clear that it is our job to take care of it. Jesus often is linked to nature through his miracles: he calmed storms and walked on water, showing that he could control nature. Maybe that is why so many of us are fascinated by nature-it can be beautiful but also fierce and uncontrollable! However, we are focusing on the wonderful things in our world and a very popular Saint that also did this was St. Francis.

St. Francis is an iconic figure, loved and cherished the world over for his simplicity, peacefulness and compassion, his love for the poor, and of course his love of nature. Indeed, St. Francis was a great lover of all of God's creation since he forever marvelled at the goodness and generosity of God whom he 'saw' in His creation.

We remember this in the hymn:

"All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUnQMvwaXlc>

Key Questions...

Why should we take care of places of outstanding natural beauty? -see Lake District clip!

Daily Bible readings [HERE](#) and Thought for the Day clips [HERE](#)



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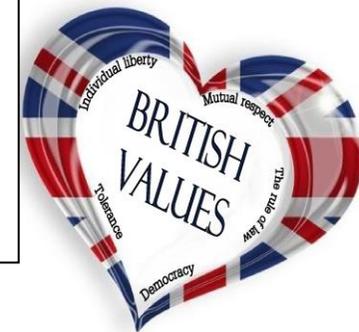
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Wbmg7NhFI>

10 unknown natural wonders from around the world-6 mins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gyjDNFSEq0>

Lake District-National Park- 3 mins 30

Both clips show stunning nature and are accompanied by peaceful music-so sit back relax and enjoy nature!



Sacred time can link to the British Values of **RESPECT**.

This is because:

We should respect and look after our natural world.

We can also be proud of our beautiful British countryside!

Prayer



"... Holy and just Father,

Lord King of heaven and earth,

we thank You for Yourself for through Your holy will

and through Your only Son with the Holy Spirit

You have created everything ..."

- St. Francis

Our Wonderful World!

Nature

What is it?

This half term we will be looking at the things that make our world wonderful. These ideas and themes have been gathered from Year7 RE lessons. This week it's **NATURE!**

Definition of nature:

1. the material world, especially as surrounding humankind and existing independently of human activities.

2. the natural world as it exists without human beings or civilization:

In nature, wild dogs hunt in packs.

3. the elements of the natural world, as mountains, trees, animals, or rivers:

The abandoned power plant was reclaimed by nature, covered in overgrowth and home to feral animals.

4. natural scenery:

Tourists at the resort are surrounded by nature.

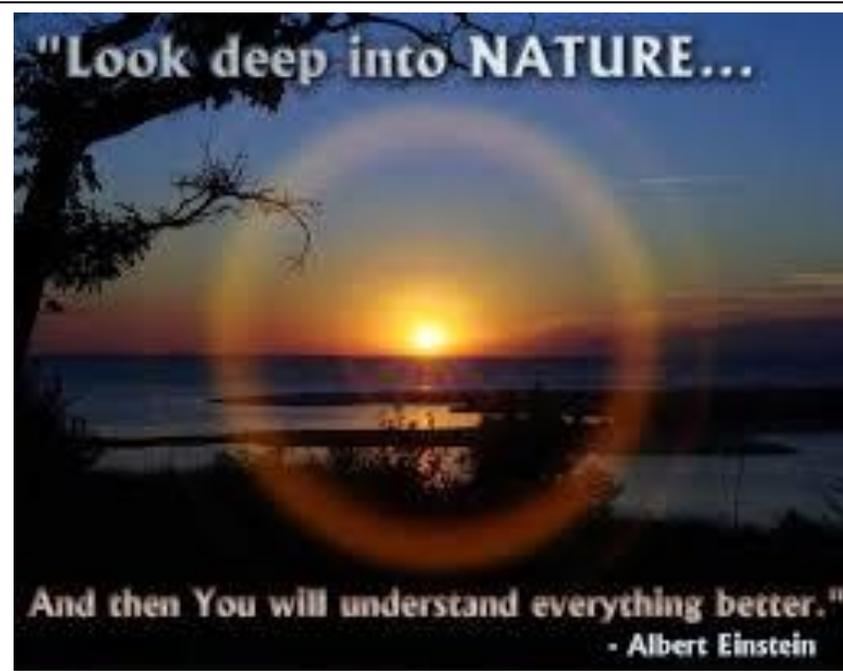
5. the universe, with all its phenomena:

Conservation of energy is a universal law of nature.

6. the sum total of the forces at work throughout the universe.

7. reality, as distinguished from any effect of art.

What does nature mean to you?



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Lord, we place these people and situations before you and ask you to help. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

The human spirit needs places where nature has not been rearranged by the hand of man.