

## Stewardship –Autumn Term



### Introduction to the topic:

For many people, some places in the world are special. For others the whole world is special. We all feel a need to look after what is special to us. Sometimes it is easy to explain why things are special, sometimes it is difficult to put into words why something is special. Christians believe that the diversity of the world and its people is God's gift. Jesus in his life and gospel, challenges people to appreciate diversity and create with it a harmony that reflects the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is reflected in the work of CAFOD.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Christian	Follower of Christ.
Catholic	A Christian faith with slightly different beliefs to other Christian faiths.
The Bible	The central source of authority and teaching for Christians. It containing 73 books recognised by the Church.
Old Testament	46 books that include the time before Jesus.
New Testament	27 books about Jesus and the time after.
Four Gospels	Books written about Jesus by the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Apostle	Means messenger/one who is sent. Sent to deliver the message of Jesus.
Disciple	Learner. A student who learns from a teacher. Christians are disciples of Jesus.
Sustainable	Able to be kept at a level or rate.
Steward	A person responsible with looking after something. (At a football match/concert)
Stewardship	The job of taking care of something.
Creation	The act of making something. (The story of God making the world).
Creator	The person who makes or invents something. (A name for God).
Witness	To see and event happen. Evidence or proof.
Climate	The weather conditions over a long period of time.
Preserve	Keep safe. Keep in the same state.
Ecology	The study of living things in their environment – plants and animals.
CAFOD	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. The official aid charity of the Catholic Church.

### Key Learning and Learning

There are stewards at football matches, concerts or even at church who are there to look after us. Stewards have a responsibility to take care of something.

Give some ways that we can care for the world.

Retell the story of Creation. Genesis 1:1-25

Know that Genesis is not a scientific account, but a beautiful poem.

Know that we are made in the image and likeness of God. Genesis 1: 26-31

Know that we have been asked to be stewards of creation.

Saint Francis is the Patron Saint of Ecology.

Saint Francis wrote The Canticle of the Sun.

Research some ways that we are damaging the world e.g. pollution

Research some ways that we are trying to make a difference e.g. hybrid cars, plastic straws.

Investigate ways that CAFOD works with people in the world to cope with the effects of climate change.

### **Questions of meaning and purpose:**

Why did God make the world?

What do I really care about?

How can I show concern for what I care for?

How can I be a steward of creation?