

# Biblical Our Wonderful World! Week 1: Sunshine

[Psalm 113:3](#)

“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised”.

There are many references to the sun in the Bible. God makes the sun in the creation story in the book of Genesis. He even stops the sun from moving for a whole day for Joshua. But the simple message above reminds us to show our love of God through our actions and words, everyday.

## Key Questions....

How can we bring some sunshine into the life of others?

How can we let the sunshine into ourselves?



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

Click on the image below watch a clip

“I Watch the Sun Rise” is a well known beautiful hymn. Click the link to listen, watch and maybe join in!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uPvrTSGZr4>



Sacred time can link to the British Values of **TOLERANCE and MUTUAL RESPECT**

This is because:

In our world we all live under the same sky and look to the same sun. We are all people of God and should treat each other and the things around us with respect.

## Prayer

Dear Lord,

We thank you for our wonderful world and the gift of sunshine.

We pray that with your guidance we too can bring sunshine into the life of those who need it most.

**We ask this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



# Our Wonderful World!

## Sunshine

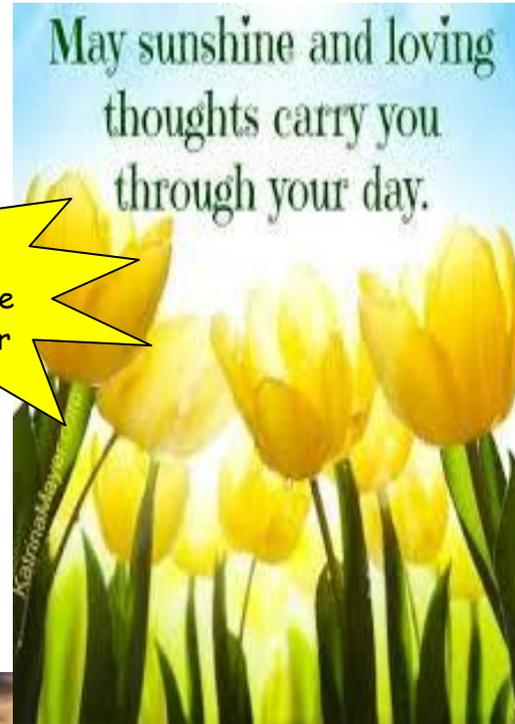
### What is it?

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. We start with SUNSHINE!

Personally I always feel better when the sun is shining and we are covered in a warm glow. It is something that I think most people appreciate.

Here's the Science!

The Sun is the star at the centre of the Solar System and is by far the most important source of energy for life on Earth. It is a nearly perfect spherical ball of hot plasma, with internal convective motion that generates a magnetic field via a dynamo process. Its diameter is about 109 times that of Earth, and it has a mass about 330,000 times that of Earth. It formed approximately 4.567 billion years ago. The Sun is roughly middle aged and has not changed dramatically for over four billion years, and will remain fairly stable for more than another five billion years. The enormous effect of the Sun on the Earth has been recognized since prehistoric times, and the Sun has been regarded by some cultures as a deity. Earth's movement around the Sun is the basis of the solar calendar, which is the predominant calendar in use today.



### News of the World

Find out what is going on in the world or watch **BBC** newsround



*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.*

**Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.**

*James M. Barrie*