

Digging Deeper



“Children are born with all the curiosity they will ever need. It will last a lifetime if they are fed upon a daily diet of ideas.” Charlotte Mason

At the beginning of their year in prep it became apparent to us that animals and their homes and surrounding environments intrigued the children in our class, in particular what made the environments they lived in suitable habitats for these animals. A visit to the butterfly enclosure during ‘Science Week’ as well as a PowerPoint about some of the animals that lived in the Arava (presented by some visiting year 10 students from the Arava in Israel) further heightened the children’s curiosity about the habitats of different animals. The children began to look in depth at the habitats of the animals they were interested in and in turn formulated hypotheses, researched ideas and tested their theories in relation to this.

This is a Camel spider and they live underground because it’s warm there but not too hot, because when they are too close to the sun they get too hot and start to sweat. So they dig their way down into the ground and go underground because it’s not as hot under the ground.

