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Monarch butterflies migrate to Southern California and Mexico.



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Pupils' own responses, such as: Monarch butterflies migrate when the weather gets cold. The journey is up to 3,000 miles long. They rely on their genes to help them find their way.



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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the fact about how far they travel is the most interesting because 3000 miles is really far!