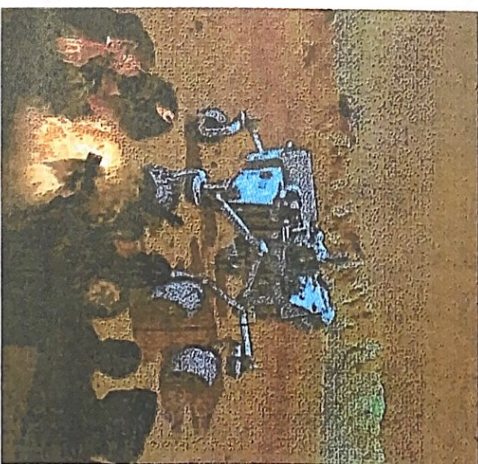


Giant step forward for Walford pupils

BUDDING young scientists were able to experience searching for life on other planets from the comfort of a school hall, when Walford Primary School invited pupils from several local schools to join them for a unique adventure in space.

The pupils enjoyed taking part in a Planetarium experience provided by Keele University Astrophysics Group, with support from the Science and Technology Facilities Council and the Ogden Trust. As the Science Hub School for the Ogden Herefordshire

South Partnership, Walford Nursery & Primary School, together with Much Marcle, St Joseph's, Gorsley Goffs and The Lea Primary School enjoyed an exciting day of workshops delivered by Scott Walker. Pupils explored the reality of searching for life on



other planets, from an astrobiology perspective and sessions focused upon NASA's search for life on Mars using Curiosity Rover.

Head Teacher, Louise George said: "The Stardome won the 2015 Times Higher Education Award for 'widening participation and outreach

initiative of the year. This is learning at its best - every child taking part was awe-struck and came away feeling excited, inspired and highly motivated." Connor, a pupil in Year 5 added: "I have loved today - it has been the best school day ever!"

The Partnership Head Teach-

ers were all in agreement that this partnership has not only created fantastic opportunities to further develop children's scientific knowledge and understanding, problem-solving skills and team work but it has also provided funding for additional resources to enhance their learning experiences and enjoyment in school.