



SPACE ADVENTURE: Pupils at St Andrew's Primary School, in Yetminster, study moon rocks and lunar dust which were collected from the moon during the 1960s and 1970s.

Exciting chance to explore moon pieces

YETMINSTER schoolchildren explored space when they were given the opportunity to study and handle real pieces of moon rock and lunar dust:

The precious materials, which were collected during NASA's manned space missions to the moon in the 1960s and 1970s and are kept under tight security at all times, were brought to St Andrew's Primary School by a special NASA envoy.

Katrina Halford, science and technology teacher at St Andrew's School, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be able to offer our students such a unique and exciting opportunity to actually handle something which provides an insight into the bigger environment surrounding us.

"We have recently taken a trip to the Science Museum in London and our students are excited to build on that know-

ledge in more depth. Most children view the moon as something that is at the edge of their understanding and now we can truly give it to them to hold."

The UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council provide schools around the country with these materials together with a display of information on meteorites and other space rock as part of a science educational package.