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The 2024 Primary Education Award is awarded to Teresa McGrory

Teresa McGrory is an innovative and inspiring teacher who has incorporated astronomy into teaching her Reception class in an original and creative way, pushing her pupils' experiences well beyond the constraints of the curriculum.

As an example, she constructed a detailed, interactive story, including props, about a spaceship that crashed in the school grounds and a friendly alien that needed to get home. This story took the children on a tour of the solar system where they learned about the different planets.

As well as storytelling, song and a visit from a professional astronomer, she also took the class to the planetarium, combining many different forms of learning.

Her approach proves that children are never too young to learn about space, and that even a complex idea like gravity can be conveyed if one has the right mix of creativity and passion.

Many of her pupils will now have the seeds planted for a lifelong interest in astronomy.

For these reasons Ms Teresa McGrory is awarded the RAS Primary Education Award, 2024.