



ZOONIVERSE

This is a great activity on rainy days when you are stuck indoors, is suitable for all ages, and it contributes to real research.

1. Zooniverse is a site where researchers put up their projects and ask the public to help them with the research. It is called Citizen Science and it is now used widely to help identify things where one researcher needs lots of help.

So for example - it can be looking at footage from animal camera traps, or photos of galaxies, or historical documents. The research can be in any field not just science. It is very easy to use and there are short tutorials to explain what you should do. You can do as many or as few records as you like.

2. To access the site go to www.zooniverse.org. Sign-in using our user id : CromarFutureGroup and password : SchoolClub or open your own account.
3. You do not have to log in to do it, but if you under our address, it allows us to see the contribution made by our members.
4. Click on "See all projects". Browse through the projects and choose one you like, and then go in. There will be a little tutorial before you start so you know what to do.
5. As you do it, then it will present you with another one. You can stop anytime you like.
6. Don't worry if you are not sure or you think you got it wrong, lots and lots of other people all over the world will also be looking at it and they then process all the views automatically and remove outliers.
7. It has been found to be a really good process which has discovered new planets, helped solve environmental problems, helped understand historical written records and all sorts of other wonderful research.
8. Wander through the various categories and you find some fun ones to do. You might like
 - a. **Planet four** - categorising research photographs of Mars.
 - b. **The plastic tide** - counting plastic on beaches to find out how big the problems is
 - c. **Rainforest flowers** - helping tag and identify rainforest photos
 - d. **Chimp and see** - identifying whether or not there is chimp in a camera trap photo and what other animals have appeared. (Very popular when we did it in the science clubs)

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