

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Putting on the Blitz: Up-cycled Slippers!

As part of our 'Putting on the Blitz' topic, which we will be starting later this term, we are looking at the 'make do and mend' attitude that enabled Brits to continue to clothe themselves and others throughout the fabric rationing during World War 2 and beyond.

We are planning to design and make slippers by the end of this term using the same 'make do and mend' principle with the children. To enable your children to make their up-cycled slippers, please can you send in a small (1 metre by 1 metre) piece of fabric, that you may have and you no longer need, in its original state (old clothes, towels, curtains, bedding etc). This is so that your child can up-cycle the fabric into slippers. This material needs to be clean and children need to be able to sew through it – cottons, satin and thin towelling are ideal! Any old buttons/ribbons/trimmings that your child can use would also be most welcome.

Please send in any fabric you do have, **in a named plastic bag**, with your child by **Monday 29th January 2024**. School will provide simple fabric and materials to make a very basic slipper, however, in order to really embody the spirit of 'Fashion on the Ration' of World War 2 we would love to up-cycle or recycle as much as possible.

On the week beginning 22nd January 2024, we will be conducting some market research in class where we will be exploring existing slippers. If your child has his/her own slippers that they are happy to bring in to class to explore and discuss designs, please can these come into school **on Monday 22nd January 2024**.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Kind regards

Year 6 team

Miss Smith, Miss Palmer and Mr Washer