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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 that you no longer need in its original state (old clothes, towels, curtains, bedding etc), that your child can up-cycle 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 on Friday **4th December 2020**. We would also like to do some market research, so if possible, we would like children to bring in a pair of slippers that they won't mind being without for a few days. We will then be able to compare different types of slippers and gain ideas for the children's own designs. If both the material and the slippers are brought into school on the 4th December, we will have the weekend for them to be quarantined. 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. Due to the current situation we can reassure you that no resources will be shared between the children.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Kind regards

Year 6 Team

Miss Smith, Miss Hill, Mrs Pye, Mrs Young