



Bishopton Primary School

Year Group (s) classes involved: P5C & P5R (Event delivered to P4-7)

Project: Can we encourage people to repurpose clothing?



Aims and objectives

Objective: Pupils will have an awareness of how their clothes are made, how far their clothes can travel and how this process can impact our environment. They should have an awareness of the pollution that can be caused by clothing production and how this can effect life below water and on land. Pupils should consider their purchasing habits and implement upcycling/ repurposing with pre-loved items.



Outcomes

Children considered all possible research questions when creating the event. They designed numerous activities for pupils to take part in that focused on these questions including a swap shop, a scrunchie making station, a scarf making station, a check the origin of your clothes station and plot it on the map, games made about fashion eg. company ethic top trumps. Children across the school gave very positive feedback and have been sporting their creations. Staff enjoyed the event and felt it would give them the confidence to deliver more workshops like this. Our club are enthusiastic about their next event.



Research

Our possible research questions include:

How can large companies afford to charge low prices for their clothing? How far have my clothes travelled? What are the effects of the materials used to make clothing on the environment? Who made my clothes? What are worker conditions like? How can I give new life to my clothes? What is the lifespan of my clothing?

Children already had experience of fashion documentaries, the effects of fast fashion and experience of reducing, reusing and recycling.



Sharing and next steps

Work has been shared with the whole school and feedback gathered from both children and staff. Children are working on a resource pack to advise pupils on how to complete this project on their own. They will also run an event for children in P3.



“This project has offered us the opportunity to address other areas of waste that affect climate change. Children were immediately hooked on not only the idea of repurposing clothes, but of checking what their clothes were made of in the first place. It’s really inspired our pupils to think seriously about their choices when purchasing a new piece of clothing.”

