The Gypsy Tinker

LO: To investigate the question 'What did tinkers do?' (Or How could a Gypsy tinker help a Victorian household?)

In answering this main question, children will also consider:
- how homes were different in the past
- why the work tinkers did was helpful

Sing / act out the nursery rhyme "Oranges and Lemons"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Y1dttyp8LI

What do you think the Nursery rhyme is about?
Extra verses that show how the original rhyme was probably about street sellers in London.

Pancakes and fritters,
Say the bells of St. Peter's.

Two sticks and an apple,
Say the bells of Whitechapel.

Pokers and tongs,
Say the bells of St. John's.

Kettles and pans,
Say the bells of St. Ann's.

Sing the Nursery Rhyme again

List down all the different street sellers you can.

Are there any other clues?

Street trading activities, can you explain why they would be helpful.
This is another street trader from about two hundred years ago. He was probably a Gypsy. Explain how Gypsies lived by traveling and doing a variety of jobs. Children use the picture to work out what the Gypsy tinker did and how he was helpful.
Use pictures to think about objects a tinker might mend and how they show similarities / differences to today