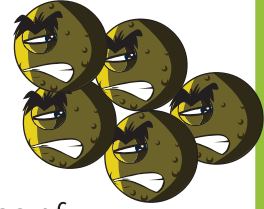




Microbe Mania

Fact sheet



What is a microbe?

Microbes are also called germs or bugs. There are three types of microbes: bacteria, viruses and fungi. Some microbes can make us ill, but most are very useful to us.

Where are microbes found and what do they look like?

Microbes are found everywhere. They come in all shapes and sizes.



Make your own microbes

Use modelling clay to create your own microbes.

Decide what type of microbe you have made:

Fungi, bacteria or virus, and whether it is a useful or harmful microbe

For ideas, download pictures of microbes from www.e-bug.eu. Ask an adult to help you make your own modelling clay, using the TS1 recipe.

Surprise your friends and family with these fun facts!

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

- There are more microbes on the planet than any other type of living thing.
- Microbes are the oldest form of life on Earth. They've been here for 4 billion years.
- Microbes are found everywhere on Earth, even inside volcanoes.
- Some microbes can glow in the dark. People once used glowing pieces of fungus growing on wood to light their way.
- Humans would not be able to live without microbes. Some microbes produce oxygen which we need to breathe and others help plants to grow which we eat.

