There are 4 TYPES of germs!

**BACTERIA**

Pronounced *bac-tee-re-uh*

Bacteria are tiny organisms made up of only one cell.

They get their nutrients from the environment around them.

**Good bacteria**

Helps keep our digestive systems working and are used to make medicine and vaccines.

**Bad bacteria**

Can cause ear infections, strep throat and even cavities.

**FUNGI**

Pronounced *fun-GUY*

Fungi are multi-cellular, plant-like organisms.

Fungi get nutrition from plants, food and animals in damp, warm environments.

Most fungal infections are not dangerous. If you’ve ever had athlete’s foot – you’ve had a fungal infection!

However, fungal infections can be serious if you have a weakened immune system.

**Good fungi**

Can taste good and some help make your immune system stronger.

**Bad fungi**

Can cause athlete’s foot!
Protozoa are one celled organisms.
Protozoa are bigger than bacteria and contain a nucleus and other cell structures.
Some protozoa are parasites – which means they need to live on another organisms (like an animal or plant) to survive. They love moisture and are often found in water.

Viruses are very small! Even smaller than bacteria. They aren’t even the size of a full cell!
Viruses are made up of DNA or RNA inside of a protein coating.
Viruses can’t survive for very long unless they live inside something else – like an animal, person or plant.
Once a virus moves into someone’s body, they spread easily and can make people sick. They hijack your cells and use them to produce more viruses.