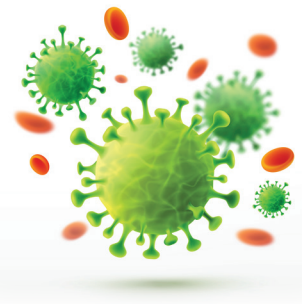


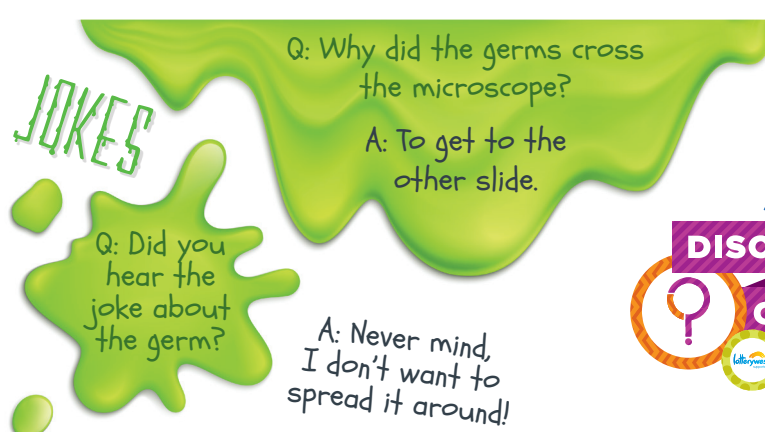
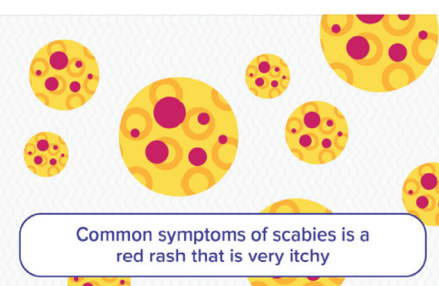
READ ABOUT IT!

Germes are tiny living things called micro-organisms which are too small to be seen by the human eye without help. They live almost everywhere on earth and include bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses. Our superhero researchers at Telethon Kids grow them in the lab so they can look at them and study them. This helps them work out why a child is sick, and how to make them better.



You probably know it as the flu, but influenza is a common illness caused by a highly contagious virus. Flu symptoms can include fever, chills, headache, sore throat, cough, runny nose, achy body. Flu is spread mainly through coughing and sneezing so cover your mouth and wash your hands. If you're sick, rest and drink lots of fluids. The best way to prevent flu is to get the annual flu vaccine.

Learn about how germs can cause skin infections in the comic strip below!



TAKE THAT QUIZ!

1) True or False?

Bacteria and viruses are types of germs.

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2) What are micro-organisms?

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3) Why do our superhero researchers grow micro-organisms in the lab? *(circle your answer)*

- a. To study them and work out how to make kids feel better
- b. To make people sick
- c. To have some fun
- d. To eat them

4) What is a parasite?

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5) What are some common symptoms of scabies? *(circle your answer)*

- a. A runny nose and an achy body
- b. A red rash that is very itchy
- c. Coughing and sneezing
- d. A sore throat

6) What is the best way to prevent catching the flu? *(circle your answer)*

- a. Washing your hands regularly
- b. Covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing
- c. Getting the annual flu vaccine
- d. All of the above

ANSWERS:

- 1. True
- 2. Tiny living things which are too small to be seen by the human eye without help.
- 3. A
- 4. A tiny mite that loves living on human skin.
- 5. B
- 6. D

