## 6B MICROORGANISMS

<b>Glossary</b> <b>bacteria</b> – micro-organisms that can be divided into two groups – harmful or beneficial	fungi	mould yeast			infection – the process by which harmful micro-organisms enter microbe – another word for a micro-organism
<b>beneficial bacteria</b> – these bacteria do useful jobs in our bodies and in our environment e.g. the bacteria in our digestive systems that help with the breakdown of food		Halthy start	Immunisation builds resistance to harmful micro- organisms and helps protect us from disease.	Micro-organisms can only be seen under a strong microscope and are also known as microbes	<b>micro-organisms</b> – very small living organisms that can only be seen under a high powered microscope
cell – the building blocks of all organismsdecay – the process of rotting of plant and animal material that is caused by bacteria and fungi e.g. tooth decay, composting	3	Beneficial bacteria are useful to us This harmful bacteria	A single celled organism only has 1 cell; this one is found in plankton in the sea and is	We humans are multi- cellular organisms	<ul> <li>microscope – an instrument that is able to magnify an image</li> <li>mould – a fungi that assists in the process of decay – green moulds are visible on the surface of rotting fruits</li> </ul>
<b>disease</b> – illness brought about by infection with micro- organisms	Microscope	causes infection and makes you poorly.	called Radiolarian.		<b>multi-cellular organism</b> – an organism that is made up of many cells e.g. humans, insects, fish etc.
<b>fungi</b> – group of organisms that includes moulds and mushrooms. Some microscopic fungi can be harmful e.g. athlete's foot fungi, some are useful e.g. yeast	Now wash your hands please	deal as a soil conditioner or as brail plants Director Manager		A <b>virus</b> is extremely small and causes illness. The picture below shows influenza, commonly known as <b>flu</b>	single celled organism – an organism that is made up of only one cell e.g. yeast
germ – a popular term for any micro-organism that makes you ill good hygiene – behaviour that will reduce the risks of infection e.g. washing hands harmful bacteria – these	Good hygiene helps protect us from disease.	Compost is a result of the <b>decay</b> of rotting plant and animal material	Washing hands is good hygiene.	A	virus – extremely small micro-organism (smaller than bacteria – a million in a row would measure only 5mm) that can only grow and reproduce within the cells of other organisms
bacteria can cause illness and disease <b>illness</b> – the symptoms of a disease, accident or injury	<b>5</b> 35	Germ is a popular term for micro-organisms which can cause	and and a	MON	causing illness e.g. rhinovirus is micro- organism causing the common cold
<b>immunisation</b> – a medical procedure that involves giving a body resistance to certain micro-organisms	Human red blood <b>cells</b>	illness and disease	A high speed photo of a sneeze		<b>yeast</b> – a microscopic single celled fungi that produces carbon dioxide which is useful for making bread and beer