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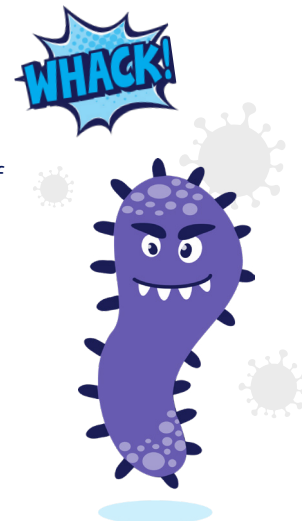
In school, your child has been learning about bacteria that have become resistant to antibiotics¹ through the 'Superbugs: Join the Fight' educational programme, created in partnership with the National Schools Partnership.

'Superbugs: Join the Fight' programme, now in its sixth year, aims to help raise awareness about stopping the spread of disease and reducing the rise of superbugs.

The programme covers the topic of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). These issues are at the forefront of public health. Strains of bacteria are becoming increasingly resistant to antibiotics¹ all over the world,² and there is acknowledgement from The World Health Organisation that the number of high threat infectious hazards are also on the rise.

The threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), demands that all countries and people work together to stay safe and healthy.³ It is believed that spreading disease can be avoided if we all take action, and everyone – from policy makers to health professionals to schools to individuals – has a role to play.²

The key messaging underpinning 'Superbugs: Join the Fight', are four simple-but-effective 'weapons' that can help everyone in the future:



1. Keep yourself clean and healthy⁴



2. Keep the places around you clean⁵



3. Use medicines correctly²



4. Spread the word⁶

Students will also have the opportunity to enter the 'Superbugs: Join the Fight' competition to design a superhero capable of defeating the superbug supervillain. Winners will have their design brought to life as part of a creative in-school workshop.

Kind regards,

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