**What is the Internet; What is the ‘WEB’; How does the Internet work; What can I do online; How do I connect to the Internet at home; Web Browsers may look different however they all follow the same basic principle**

**Useful terms:**

* Mouse; Mouse Pad; Touchscreen; Internet; Tablet; Smartphone; World Wide Web; Web Address; Internet Browser; Address Bar; Homepage; Link; Browser; Tabs; Bookmark; ISP; Data

**Useful Activities:**

* Open web browser; Input [www.thirdageireland.ie](http://www.thirdageireland.ie) and hit enter key; close or quit the website
* URL and the address bar – what are they; What is a link?

**Practical exercises:**

* Navigate to [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com); find and open a link; navigate back to the BBC.com homepage from the newly opened linked page; refresh the BBC homepage
* The above exercise can be done with any website ie RTE, NCT, Government services
* Can you find your Eircode?
* Complete an online quiz – navigate to <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/internetbasics/quiz>

**Search Engines:**

* Google the recommended search engine – others include Firefox and Safari
* Set google as default search engine to practise at home unless preference for other one

**How to search the web:**

* Think of a search term ie second hand cars in Dublin; review the suggestions in the drop down as you type; select one of the suggestions and press Enter to display results; open one of the results in a new tab
* Suggested activity: click a link on one of the listed search terms to open it; navigate back to the search results; select another link from the result and open the link in a new tab

**Search Engine Exercise:**

* Who was the 23rd President of the United States; How many times was Elizabeth Taylor married; How much does it cost to post a standard letter in Ireland; Look up the lyrics to your favourite song; What time is it in Alaska right now

**Staying safe online:**

* **Change to a safer mindset** – treat the Internet as you would a shopping centre – be aware of dangers and ensure when paying for something online, you are shopping at a reputable place.
* **Create strong passwords** – good passwords are vital to keeping safe online – tips for staying safe include: never use personal information; use a longer password; don’t use the same password for each account; try to include numbers, symbols and both upper and lower case letters.
* **Recognising spam and viruses**: What is phishing?