Communications
Get creative!

Wax seals were used to keep letters closed and it also meant you could recognise who the sender was.

TASK 1: Find out when wax sealing of letters was used in history and if the Fencibles would have used this technique to send their letters?

TASK 2: Create aged looking paper and make your very own wax seal.

What you need

Ageing the paper:
1xTea Bag
Warm water
Small bowl
Cotton wool or tissue
Plain white paper

For the Seal:
Metal thimble or decorative metal button
Crayon
Candle
lighter or heat source.

Making the paper
1. Make some strong tea using warm water a in a small bowl.
2. Use either the tea bag or a piece of cotton wool /tissue to paint the entire paper (both sides), by either wiping along the paper or making small blotches along the page. It will create different effects, so get creative.
3. When the entire page is covered, let it dry in the sun whilst lying flat.
4. When completely dry you can start writing your letters. (Why not give our letter writting worksheet ago which will help you to put your letter together correctly)

Making the Seal
1. Choose a colour crayon of your choice and take off the wrapping
2. Light a candle and as the wax starts to melt, drip the wax onto your paper where you want our wax seal
3. Let the wax cool for a few seconds before proceeding with the next step
4. Take the thimble or button and push it into the wax puddle and press down for a few seconds, until wax cools slightly.