Task 1

Use the website link and watch the video about World War 1. Make notes about what life was like in the trenches. For more information search for “What was life like in a World War One trench?” on BBC Bitesize.
Task 2
Plan your letter thinking about the following:

**Introduction**
Discuss how pleased you are that you can write to them.
Tell them what you miss about home, e.g. birthdays, seeing your friends, sports/hobbies, pets, etc.

**Main Paragraphs**
Think about your senses - what do you imagine a soldier might hear, feel, see, taste and smell whilst in battle?
Discuss the chores and duties that you do.
What can you tell them about the fighting? Remember, soldiers were not allowed to tell people back at home too much information, so what do you think you would be allowed to tell them?

**Conclusion**
Discuss your thoughts about the future.
What would you want to say to your family to reassure them?
Task 3
Start your letter.

Your task is to write a letter as though you are a soldier fighting in the First World War. Soldiers couldn’t always write letters home very often so they would have lots they would want to say to their families whenever they did have the chance to write.

On the next page are some helpful words and how to structure your letter.
Go back to Task 2 for help setting out and what to write.
Editing

Look at the next few pages to help you edit your letter.
EDITING STATION 1: PUNCTUATION PARTY!

HAVE A LOOK FOR –

- CAPITAL LETTERS (START OF SENTENCES AND PROPER NOUNS)
- FULL STOPS TO FINISH SENTENCES
- QUESTION MARKS OR EXCLAMATION MARKS IF NEEDED
- COMMAS – IN A LIST OR TO SEPARATE CLAUSES
- BRACKETS TO ADD EXTRA INFORMATION
HAVE A LOOK FOR –

- ADVERBS IN YOUR SENTENCES (HINT: LY WORDS)
- PHRASES THAT TELL THE READER – WHEN/WHERE/HOW/WHY
- PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES – UNDER/ABOVE/BETWEEN
EDITING STATION 4: SPELLING

HAVE A LOOK FOR –

• SPELLINGS THAT DON’T LOOK RIGHT
• DICTIONARIES
Write it up

Make sure you write up your letter in neat and include any edits you have made.

If you want, you can tea stain your paper when you are done.

Ask permission first!