



Langley Grammar School

Transition work for Year Six

Summer 2021

Task 1.

Please read 'The Happy Prince', a short story written by Oscar Wilde in 1888.

An electronic copy of the tale can be accessed here:

<http://www.wilde-online.info/the-happy-prince.html>

Task 2

Prepare a timeline of events – what happens in the story and in what order? Start with:

- A swallow arrives at the city and decides to spend the night at the statue's feet.

Task 3

Answer the questions:

1. Where and when does the story take place?
2. Who are the characters?
3. Who is your favourite character and why?
4. Which character you don't like and why?
5. What are the problems the characters face?
6. What lesson does the story teach you?
7. What does 'compassion' mean? How does the prince show compassion?
8. Why did the swallow decide not to go south? Do you think this was a good decision?
9. What made the Prince and the Swallow such good friends?
10. The story end sadly. Why do you think the author decided to do this?

Task 4

The narrative is based on an image of a statue. Write a creative story linked to the image of any statue. Please include the image in your work. You should aim to write about 200-250 words.