

## Year 4 English - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January

### Romulus and Remus - website links:

For our English this week, you need to know the Roman story of Romulus and Remus.

Watch the two Youtube versions of Romulus and Remus OR read the story below to learn the myth. You can look at these as many times as you like.

Youtube stories:



Romulus & Remus, The Story of

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAID9wd29jI>



The Legend of Rome

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfB97tl\\_f7Ns](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfB97tl_f7Ns)

Written version:

Thousands of years ago, in the depths of Italy, there lived an old, cruel, grey-haired king called Amulius. He was a cold, calculating and suspicious king who did not want anybody else inheriting the throne- he wanted to keep it for himself. However there was a problem - he had a beautiful, young niece. If she were to have a child, he would no longer be king.

Feeling threatened, the king ordered for his niece to be sent to an abandoned place, away from the rest of the world. Evilily, he laughed to himself about his clever plan.

Except, it wasn't so clever. After a few years, his beautiful niece fell in love with another and gave birth to two twin boys.

News had reached the king's castle and his servant asked to see him. "What is it?! I'm very busy running the country you know!" the King spat viciously at his servant.

"Well..." The servant whispered, afraid to anger him further.

"Yes?!" the king impatiently replied.

The servant's voice shook with fear as he responded: "It's your niece. She's just given birth to...twins."

Positively furious, the king roared in anger: "Well, they must be taken care off! Go now and kill the infants. No one can overthrow me as king!"

"B-but Sir," the servant protested, lips quivering and hands shaking. Slamming his fist onto the table, the king replied viciously, "Drown them in the river! Do it now or you'll be killed too!".

Immediately, the terrified servant set off to steal the two young, innocent babies. Afraid of being seen, the servant hurried across the land to the Tiber River bridge and dropped the basket, with the babies, into the river.

As quick as a flash, Tiberinus, the Tiber River God, saw what was happening and he reached up and caught the basket. Gently, he lifted it up and guided it to shore.

A few minutes later, a kindly, grey wolf, called Lupa, was walking slowly by the riverbank. Distraught from losing her own babies, she pulled the twins out of the water and took them back to her deep, dark, cave in the centre of the woods. For many years, Lupa cared for the boys as if they were her own.

One sunny afternoon, a farmer walked through the fields and spotted the boys ahead. Not having any children of his own, he took the boys back to his house and named them Romulus and Remus.

Many years later, a man came to the village and, after hearing their story, realised the boys were the sons of the Princess and therefore, heirs to the throne.

Immediately, the cunning boys hatched a plan to kill the King. Creeping at the dead of night, the boys ambushed him and reclaimed the crown as their own.

At first, the boys shared the title of King but soon they began to argue about their kingdom. One of their most vicious arguments was about what to call their city. To settle it, There were hills in the area, so each boy, decided to stand on a different hill, and count how many eagles they would see fly over before sunset. The one who counted the most, would get to pick the name.

Remus counted six and then went to check with Romulus ----  
Romulus counted twelve. The boys argued again. This time about who was telling the truth.

Feeling angry, the boys began to fight in a deadly battle.