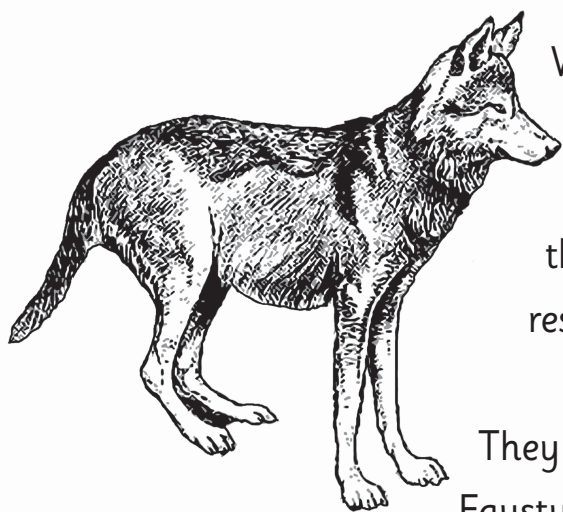


## The legend of Romulus and Remus

Romulus and Remus were twin brothers. Their father was Mars, the God of War, their mother was Rhea Silvia, a vestal virgin and daughter of the King, Numitor.

Numitor's brother, Amulius, had taken the throne from him and had forced Rhea Silvia to become a vestal virgin so that she would not have any children who might try to take back the throne.



When the boys were born, Amulius captured them, put them into a basket and threw them into the river Tiber. He hoped that they would drown. However, the boys were rescued by a she-wolf who cared for them.

They grew up and were found by the shepherd Faustulus, who took them home and looked after them until they were grown up.

Eventually, the two young men discovered who they really were and decided to kill Amulius and put their grandfather back on the throne. After doing this they decided to build a city of their own. Although they argued about where to build their city they eventually agreed upon the Palatine Hill.

They were soon arguing again, this time about who should be the main ruler and Romulus killed Remus. The legend says that Romulus became the first King of Rome in 753BC.