Romulus and Remus in 4 parts.

In ancient times, a fierce and mean King ruled. His name was Amulius. Amulius had a sister called Rhea. Amulius was scared that one day someone would steal his place as king so he made Rhea promise to never fall in love, never marry and never have any children. Rhea broke her promise. She was a beautiful and kind woman who fell in love and married Mars. He was the mighty and powerful Roman god of war. One day, Rhea and Mars had twin sons and named them Romulus and Remus. Rhea’s brother Amulius was furious that she had two baby boys. He imprisoned Rhea and ordered his servant to throw the twins into the river so that they would drown. The servant was kind and could not do this horrible task. He instead put them into a basket and pushed them down the river. The twins huddled together in the cold, lonely basket. They closed their eyes tightly. What would happen to them now…

The twins floated in the basket for hours. They bumped up and down over the rushing water until they finally washed up on the muddy shore. Later that day, they were found by a wolf who decided to raise them as her own cubs. She looked after the twins very well and a kind woodpecker helped her to gather food for them. One sunny day, a shepherd was herding his sheep and found the boys playing in a field. The shepherd had always wanted his own children so he took them home to his wife. They looked after Romulus and Remus until they were big and strong.

One day, Romulus and Remus met some of the king’s shepherds and the men got into a fight. Remus was caught and taken back to King Amulius, who did not know who he was.

Meanwhile, Romulus decided to go and rescue Remus. He travelled to Alba Longa, killed the king and saved his brother.

The people of the city were not angry with the boys because they found out who they were. Instead, they wanted to crown them both as kings but the boys did not want to be kings because they wanted to build their own city somewhere else. So, they went in search of a place.

The twins could not agree where would be best to build their new city. Remus wanted to build the city on a high, grassy hill but Romulus disagreed. They asked the powerful and mighty gods to send them a sign to decide who was right. One day, Remus saw 7 birds flying around his hill. He knew this was a sign. He ran to tell Romulus but he had noticed the birds as well. Romulus was bored of waiting so he started to construct a wall around where his city would be. Remus was jealous and made fun of the wall and leapt over it to insult Romulus. Suddenly, Romulus clenched his fists. His cheeks went red with rage. His body started to tremble. Romulus got so angry that he picked up a huge rock and smashed it on his brother’s head. Remus lay still. His body was cold and lifeless. Romulus did not care. He carried on building his great city and became king of his very own city called Rome.