

### **AENEAS**

The fall of Troy caused the exodus of Trojans in the Mediterranean. Aeneas and his group went ashore on Lazio's coast. Aeneas's group wanted to join the Latin citizens. Aeneas got married to Lavinia (the daughter of king Latin). With their wedding a new ancestry was born. This new ancestry defeated Etruscans. Aeneas killed the king and Etruscans stipulated a peace treaty with Latins, the river Tiber was then the new border between the two populations. Ascanius, Aeneas's son, founded a new city Alba Longa; 400 years later Romolus and Remus would succeed and would found the Roman ancestry. With this legend the origins of Rome and of Troy are connected.

## **ROMULUS AND REMUS**

#### The legend

Rhea Silvia was a Vestal Virgin, she was Numitor's daughter. She couldn't have children, but she gave birth to two twins, Romulus and Remus; their father was Mars the god of war. Rhea Silvia was condemned to death, but the twins were spared by a servant who placed them in a basket onto the river Tiber A she-wolf suckled them and eventually a shepherd cared for them. Now there are two different legends:

### First one

 A group kidnapped Remus, and Romulus freed him; Romulus was very popular. They eventually left Alba Longa in order to found a new city. They quarrelled over the location; Romulus killed Remus and founded the city on the Palatine Hill. He was the first king of Rome.

# **Symbols**

 The she-wolf became the icon of Rome. In Rome there are two football teams. The first one is A.S. Roma and uses the she-wolf as a symbol. The second team, which is called S.S. Lazio, uses the second icon of Rome: the eagle. It represents the power and the magnificence of the Emperor of Rome.

