Ciao a tutti! Hello everyone!

Italian history and culture were prominent last week in Italian classes as we discussed two very interesting topics:

The painting of Mona Lisa by Leonardo Da Vinci and The Legend of Rome - Romulus and Remus.

The characters in the stories came to life as the stories were told in the presence of a painting of the Mona Lisa and a life-size replica of the she-wolf and Romulus and Remus.

It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning!

LANGUAGES RULE!

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**Last week in Italian by Ella Yardley and Annalise Bugge - 603**

Last week Signora Taranto taught us about the Mona Lisa and Leonardo Da Vinci and the Legend Of Rome-Romulus and Remus.

**Here are some quick facts.**

As you may know the Mona Lisa was painted by Leonardo DaVinci. One day the Mona Lisa, which was in the Louvre Gallery, in Paris, France, was stolen. The thief was Italian like Leonardo.

He stole it because he wanted to take it back to Italy because he thought that was where it belonged.

The Mona Lisa has been damaged by people twice but luckily it was able to be repaired.

The Legend of Rome - the city of Rome was founded by the twins Romulus and Remus.

They were abandoned when they were babies. A she-wolf (la lupa) found them and looked after them until a shepherd rescued them and raised them.

The statue of the she-wolf and Romulus and Remus is a symbol of Rome. Ciao!