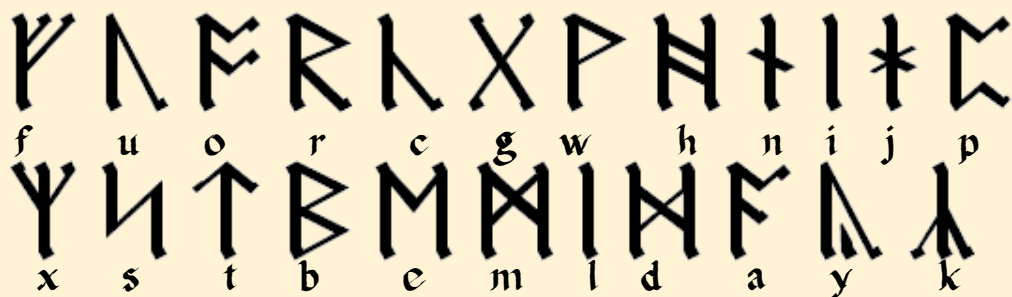


Anglo Saxon Writing

The Anglo-Saxons who first came to Britain, wrote very differently to the way we write now. The letters that were used were called RUNES and were believed to have magical powers.

Runic writing was often used to decorate objects such as pots and weapons.

Below are some of the letters from the Runic Alphabet.



The first Anglo-Saxons were Pagans, but as christianity began to spread throughout Britain so writing changed too. It was important for monks and nuns to be able to read and understand the scriptures. Scribes from the monasteries began to produce beautiful handwritten and illuminated volumes of the gospels and other Christian books.