

# RUNES

## Saxon Writing.

- Runes were letters used by the Saxons to write short messages of ownership, like "This belongs to Offa".
- They were also used to write inscriptions on gravestones, like "Here lies Alfred. We miss him".
- They were usually carved on wood or stone (not written in [books](#)).
- There were different types of runes. The ones used in Britain are known as 'Anglo-Saxon' Runes.
- There are 33 characters in this Runic Alphabet.
- The Alphabet is called a 'Futhork' from the first 6 letters.
- Christians did not understand runes. They thought they were evil and could be used to cast spells.
- Can you spell your name using some of the runes below?



F  
Feo



U  
Ur



TH  
Thorn



O  
Os



R  
Rad



K  
Ken



G  
(as in Geoffrey)  
Geofu



W  
Wynn



H  
Hagall



N  
Nied



I  
Is



J  
Jara



IE  
Yr



P  
Pertra



X  
Eolh



S  
Sigel



T  
Tir



B  
Beroc



E  
Eoh



M  
Mann



L  
Lagu



NG  
Ing



OE  
Otael



D  
Daeg



A  
Ac



AE  
Asec



Y  
Yr



IO  
Ior



EA  
Ear



QU  
Cweorp



C  
Calk



ST  
Stan



G  
(as in Garnish)  
Gar