Year 3 History Persia and Greece Medium Term Plan

National Curriculum	Knowledge
Children should be taught about Ancient Greece – a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world	Persia and Greece Start with ancient Persia and its empire to set geographical & political context. Ancient Greek city states, inc. Sparta and Athens. Why/how did they form? Homer's Iliad Greco-Persian wars, including battle of Marathon, Thermopylae, Salamis Ancient Greek language Peloponnese War Greek religion – gods and goddesses
	Disciplinary focus: similarity and difference
	What did Greek city-states have in common?
Lesson Focus	Vocabulary
1. The king of kings	Darius, empire, Persian Empire, Cyrus, Babylon
2. The Persian Empire	slaves, succeeded, satrapy, satrap, taxes, tax
3. The Greek city-states	city-state, polis, agora, acropolis, temple, gymnasium, theatre
4. Greek gods and goddeses	Zeus, displeased, shrines, owls, Olympus, Ares, Poseidon, trident, Hera
5. The Greek language and The Iliad	alphabet, alpha, beta, Homer, Iliad, Achilles, besiege
6. The Greek and Persian Wars	messengers, surrender, surrendered, Marathon, pass, strait
Synoptic task	
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