

# Keywords: Autumn 2

## Year 10 Ancient History

**The Reigns of Darius and Xerxes: In the first half term we have looked at the reigns of Cyrus II and Cambyses. This half term looks at the reigns of the next two Persian kings, Darius and his son Xerxes. The Persian Empire greatly influenced the world during its existence, and the themes of empire, conflict, and governance are relevant to today.**

**During this topic we will look at how Darius dealt with revolts and began to expand the Persian Empire; the challenge posed by the Greek city states led by Athens; and the efforts of his son Xerxes to succeed where his father Darius failed in taking Greece.**

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Ahuramazda</b>	<b>The most important Persian god</b>
<b>Satrapies</b>	<b>The provinces of the empire</b>
<b>Scythia</b>	<b>Modern-day Ukraine and Bulgaria</b>
<b>Ionian Revolt</b>	<b>The Ionian Greeks rising up in 499</b>
<b>Phalanx</b>	<b>Tight formation of hoplites (Greek spearmen)</b>
<b>City state</b>	<b>Greek city that existed as its own political unit</b>
<b>Sparta</b>	<b>A key city in Greece, famed for its warriors.</b>
<b>Trireme</b>	<b>A Greek warship with three oar decks or rowers</b>
<b>The Battle of Salamis</b>	<b>The naval battle in 480 BC where the Greeks defeated the Persians</b>
<b>Delian League</b>	<b>Military alliance set up in 477, led by Athens, to defend Greece from Persia in the future</b>