

Entering 4th grade in 2023-2024

Summer recommendations

Futurs CM1 / incoming 4th graders for 23/24 school year

Vacation is a time to relax and discover new things. However, we recommend carving out an amount of time for regular summer practice in order to continue cultivating knowledge and skills.

French

LISTENING

Here is a list of podcasts for children :

- [Les p'tits bateaux](#) : Every Sunday at 7:30 pm on **France Inter**, children ask questions such as *When does the sun set? What happens when you cut a worm in half?*, and on . Historians and scientists use their expertises to respond to the children's questions.

- [Oli des histoires audio](#) :

On **France Inter**, a series of French stories for children narrated by French authors.

[-Encore une histoire](#)

Listen to books/stories (podcast)

[-Les Odyssées](#)

More stories about worldwide events or important people.

- [Les fictions Jeunesse](#)

On **France Culture**, stories are not only for adults, but for children as well! Especially stories by the best authors, like Fabrice Melquiot and Marie Desplechin.

[-Un jour une actu](#)

Shorts videos responding to a question asked by a child.

[-C'est pas sorcier](#)

Longer videos (30 min) about Science and History.

READING

Students should keep reading both in English and French during the summer.

We lent a book to each student for them to read. They can also read whatever books they want.

Here are some websites where you can find texts in French.

[Short édition jeunesse](#)

Short stories for young readers.

[Littérature jeunesse libre](#)

An online library that gives access to a lot of children's books for free.

[FNAC](#)

This page provides several children's books to download in the ePUB format.

[Livres pour tous](#)

Thousands of books to read for free. Mainly classics.

WRITING

a. You may want to purchase vacation workbooks (“Cahiers de vacances”) to continue practicing their skills. They exist for each grade level and offer activities in Math and French - Reading , Spelling, Writing exercises and answer sheets.

Please choose “Du CE2 au CM1” (3rd to 4th grade)

Several publishers (Hachette Education, Nathan, Hatier, Bordas) offer vacation workbooks and any of them is fine as they all follow the French curriculum.

Hachette Education [here](#).

B. Encourage writing activities such as writing a postcard, a diary twice or three times a week, emails, etc

Math

-[Calcul@TICE](#) (Math in French)

- [IXL](#) (Math in English). Use your student school credentials.

French Apps

[Bayam](#) is offering a lot of its content in a free version.

[Whisperies](#) offers many books to read in English and in French (you have to change the language in settings).

Watching French movies

[Benshi](#) is a streaming platform that offers movies for children in French.

On Netflix :

You can search "French-Language" in the kids section

On Youtube :

[Les aventures de Tom Sawyer](#) (episodes)

[Les aventures de Tintin](#) (episodes)

[Ariol](#) (episodes)

[Tom-Tom et Nana](#) (episodes)

Enjoy the summer!