



FRENCH

RECOMMENDED READING LIST FOR KEY STAGE 3 POTENTIAL HIGH ACHIEVERS

RECOMMENDED SHORT STORIES/NOVELS	
TITLE	DESCRIPTION
French Short Stories for Beginners by Lingo Mastery (Available on Amazon)	A collection of short stories written in French. Vocabulary lists and a summary are provided to help learners improve their vocabulary and reading comprehension. (Also available as an audiobook).
10 Bilingual Fairy tales in English and French by Charles Perrault	A collection of well-known fairy tales written as parallel texts to improve vocabulary and reading comprehension. (Also available as an audiobook)
10 Bedtime Stories in English and French by Frederic Bibard	10 short stories, written as parallel texts with audio content included.
Le Petit Nicolas by Renne Goscinny	More challenging text aimed at intermediate French learners. A collection of charming short stories told from the perspective of a young French boy.
Mary Glasgow Magazines (subscription required) https://fr.maryglasgowplus.com/magazines	Culturally topical magazines delivered monthly. 'Débutant' level recommended for KS3 students.
FILMS/VIDEO CLIPS	
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TED Talks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How languages shape the way we think • Why language is humanity's greatest invention • The secrets of learning a new language 	Short clips which focus on the theory behind language learning more generally.
BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zgdqxn	Wide range of video clips/ activities to improve French grammar and vocabulary
ClickView (Charters email needed to login) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asterix & Obelisk take on Caesar (PG) 	When Julius Caesar discovers that a small but defiant village has a magic potion that turns them into invincible soldiers, he captures the druid who knows the secret recipe. It is then up to the two brave Gauls to save the day before stocks of the potion run out.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Le Petit Nicolas (PG) 	A mischievous little boy panics after finding out that his parents are going to have another baby.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXTRA (French Comedy Series) (PG) 	Sam, with only a very basic grasp of French, goes to stay with his pen pal. Filmed in a similar style to the American series, FRIENDS, Sam slowly gets to grips with the French language and culture.

<p>Netflix (subscription required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The African Doctor (U) • He Even Has Your Eyes (PG) • 10 Jours en Or (U) • A Mighty Team (PG) • Wakfu (12) 	<p>Happily escaping a dictatorship, a Congolese doctor transplants his family to a small French village, where culture shock sets in for everyone.</p> <p>When French-African couple Paul and Sali discover the longed-for baby they are about to adopt is white, family chaos and confrontation ensue.</p> <p>When a carefree bachelor is unexpectedly left in charge of a young boy, the two embark on a road trip that will change both of their lives.</p> <p>When a fit of anger leads to a serious injury, a sidelined soccer star returns to his hometown and reluctantly agrees to train the local youth.</p> <p>Yugo, a 12-year-old Eliatrope with special powers, sets out on a mission to find his true family and uncover the mysteries of Wakfu.</p>
<p>Amazon Prime (subscription required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernest and Celestine (U) • Astérix: The Mansion of Gods (PG) • Hold Your Breath (12) • La Famille Bélier (12) • Belle and Sebastian (PG) 	<p>Celestine is a little mouse trying to avoid a dental career; Ernest is a big bear craving an artistic outlet. When Celestine meets Ernest, they overcome their natural enmity by forging a life of crime together.</p> <p>The year is 50 BC. Gaul is entirely occupied by the Romans. Well, not entirely...One final village still withholds the lures of Roman culture, and Asterix, Obelix, and all the gang are determined it is going to stay that way!</p> <p>When an earthquake hits Paris, a deadly toxic mist appears, killing the inhabitants of the city. Surviving in the chaos, Mathieu and Anna must face the fog to save their daughter, who is trapped in a medical tank.</p> <p>A girl, who lives with her deaf-mute parents, discovers that she has the gift of singing.</p> <p>High up in the Alps and far away from the fighting of the Second World War, a small, peaceful village is home to a young boy named Sebastian. Sebastian is an orphan and life on the mountain is dangerous for a young boy. But he soon meets Belle, a wild dog who has a heart of gold and they form an unshakable friendship.</p>

