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An extra hour each week of either French or maths will be coming soon for pupils in the 6eme, or their first year of secondary school. This is one of the latest measures from the Ministry of Education to help raise the academic level of children who have just left primary school. For those who are still in primary school, in their final years of CM1 and CM2, teachers are now being asked to introduce daily dictations or mental arithmetic tests.

A little more is known about the background of the man responsible for the knife attack yesterday at Paris' Gare du Nord. The Libyan individual who is in his twenties was subject to an order to leave French Territory, also known as an OQTF. Yesterday he injured six people at the train station. The subject remains in hospital after he was shot three times by law enforcement.

Today at the Assemblée Nationale it will be right wing Rassemblement National setting the agenda. Once a month, each parliamentary group can choose what will be up for discussion that day. Today, RN elected officials have chosen school uniforms and a potential end to low emission zones.

Meanwhile, members of the more left wing Parti Socialiste are due to vote today to select their new first secretary. There are three candidates in the running in the first round of votes, outgoing secretary Olivier Faure, and two other candidates, H el ene Geoffroy and Nicolas Mayer-Rossignol

And finally to the World Handball Championships, it was a bit of a rocky start for France in their first match against the host country, Poland yesterday. But, it was a win for Les Bleus in the end with a final score of 26 - 24. France's next match is on Saturday against Saudi Arabia.