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We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land.
We pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Kulin Nation
and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people.



NEWSLETTER

Eaglehawk Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

1st December 2023

2023 Calendar

Term 4

Monday 4 th , Tuesday 5 th , Thursday 7 th & Friday 8 th De- cember	Whole school swimming program P-6
Monday 11 th December	2pm School Council
Tuesday 12 th December	Statewide Orientation Day 9am – 12.30pm
Thursday 14 th December	Grade 6 graduation
Friday 15 th December	Whole school pupil free day – math plan- ning
Monday 18 th December	Whole school concert
Wednesday 20 th December	1.30pm finish last day of term

2024 Calendar

Term 1

Monday 29 th January	Teachers Start - Curriculum Day – reading focus
Tuesday 30 th January	Grades 1-6 students start. Prep Assessment Day
Wednesday 31 st January	Prep Assessment Day
Thursday 1 st February	Prep first day of school
Monday 4 th March	Curriculum Day – student voice
Monday 11 th March	Labour Day
Thursday 28 th March	2.30pm finish last day of term 1
Monday 15 th April	First day of term 2

"Together we grow and learn"

Swimming

We have completed week 1 of our whole school swimming program. We have been lucky the weather was kind to us on Tuesday and it was only the last group that waited for a break in the rain to return to school. Thanks to all the families that helped us out and picked up their child from the pool.

Next week will be the same as this week -**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. Students walk to and from the pool so will need runners, sandals with straps or shoes (NO thongs) to wear. .

Leave school	Session time	Classes	Return to school
Group 1 12:10pm	12:30pm-1:10pm	Grade 3/4 Stacey Grade 1/2 Amber Grade 3 Jess	1.40
Group 2 12:50pm	1:10pm-1:50pm	Grade 5/6 Nick Grade 1/2 Ellie Grade 4 Jess	2.20
Group 3 1:30pm	1:50pm-2:30pm	Grade 4/5 Tayla Prep Sophie/Monique	3pm

Reverse Christmas

Yesterday we had a special visit from Santa arriving in a fire truck to collect all the wonderful donations for the food hampers to support those in need. Thanks to all the families that donated. It is important as part of the Eaglehawk community, we understand that at times everyone may need help and feels good to give as well as receive. As a school we are very lucky to have so many volunteers who help us with breakfast program, sandwiches for those who need extra food, fresh fruit etc.

Library Books

Can all students please return library books by the end of next week Friday 8th December so the library can stocktake and sort ready for 2024.

Christmas Raffles

Classrooms are looking forward to receiving donations for the following – beauty, toys, Summer Fun, Craft, stationary, games and sports can be taken to the classrooms or left at the office.

There are seven exciting prize hampers to be won.

\$1 per ticket (\$12 for the book) or 6 tickets for \$5 (\$10 for the book). More tickets available from the office.

The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday the **13th of December**. There are 2 tickets per page, **12 tickets to sell**. Return tickets and money to the office by Monday 12th of December. Merry Christmas and good Luck!



Hats – school broadbrimmed hats

Just a reminder that caps and coloured hats are not part of our school uniform. Through State Schools Relief, we can now order vouchers that will cover the cost of school broadbrimmed hats. If your child needs a school hat please contact the office.

Statewide Transition

Our next 2024 prep transition is Tuesday 12th December 8.45am. It is also the day our grade 6 students attend their secondary school. All other students spend the morning in their next year level group.

Friday Lunch

Next week we will have tomato pasta for special lunch. Please return orders by Wednesday 6th December.

School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas.

In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the Northern Country fire weather district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.



Christmas Raffle Donations

- Prep Sophie- Beauty/Tolietries
- Prep Monique- Toys
- 1/2 Ellie- Summer Fun
- 1/2 Amber- Craft
- 3/4 Jess- Stationary
- 3/4 Stacey- Food
- 4/5 Tayla- Games
- 5/6 Nick- Sports

Please bring donations to the office or your classroom teacher!

EPS School Concert 2023

Christmas Celebration!

2:00-3:00PM
DECEMBER 18TH
WHITE CHURCH BUILDING
EAGLEHAWK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please enter via the back gate, ready for a 2pm start

EAGLEHAWK UFS Christmas Carols

Sunday 10 December
CANTERBURY GARDENS

6pm - 7pm
free BBQ

7pm - 9pm
Carols

8.30pm
Santa

Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band *lead by Ken Wellard*
joined by Primary School choirs from Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk North, California Gully, St Liborius and The Minstrels from St Peters' Church

Long Gully Community Carols

Local Choirs
Free Pizza & BBQ

Thursday 14th December
5:00pm - 7:00pm | ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Organised and Hosted by:

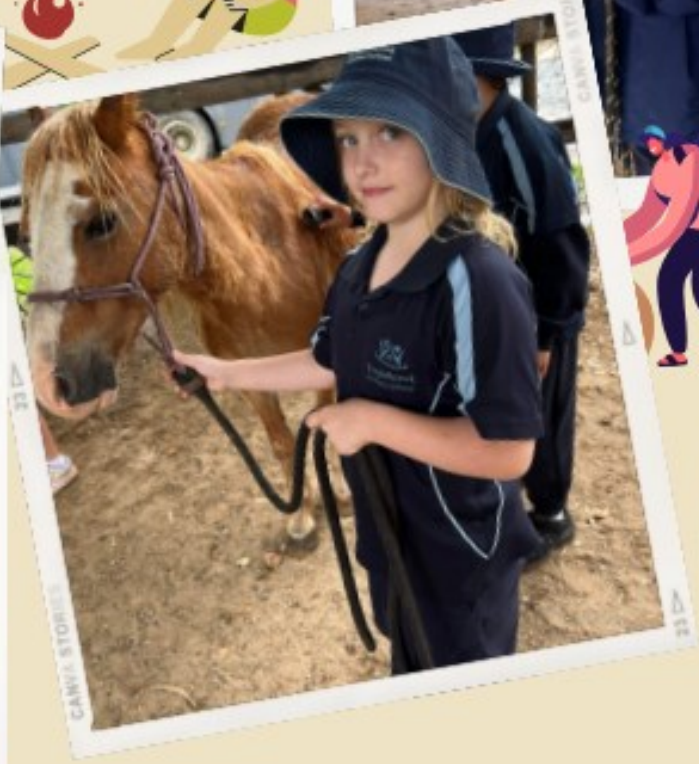
Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre | ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH Long Gully

THANKS TO:





Grade 1/2 Billabong Ranch Excursion



Annabelle: "It was fun going on the trampolines because we could go backwards and forwards!"

Micah: "The bungee trampolines were cool because we could do some tricks"

Khloe: "The bungee trampolines were fun because we did backflips and I also liked grooming the horses"

Kenzie: "I also liked the bungee trampolines because I don't have a trampoline at my house but I like playing on trampolines"

Kasey: "I liked the bungee trampolines because I got to jump very high"

Zaidan: "I liked the bungee trampolines and the mini golf"

Hudson: "Mini golf was fun and you could learn how to play golf"

Jasper: I liked the trampoline because I did a backflip"

Nathaniel: "The trampolines were fun and you could bounce"

Dah Moo: "I liked the trampolines because it was my first time and I went really high"

Aamish: "The trampolines were amazing I did some backflips."

Sophie – My favourite part was the bungy trampolines.

Malia – My favourite part was the bungy trampolines

Immy – It was exciting when I walked a horse

Matthew – I was proud of when I did a backflip and landed on the bungy trampoline

Josh – My favourite part was the bungy tramp

Samar – my favourite part was the horses, I got to brush the horses and hold the horses

Layci – My favourite part was when we played mini golf

Sage – It was exciting when we done backflips

Evie – My favourite part was the bungy trampolines

Savannah – I was proud I done a backflip on the trampolines

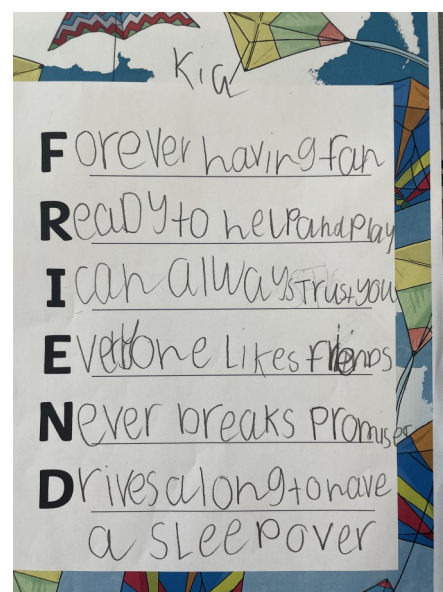
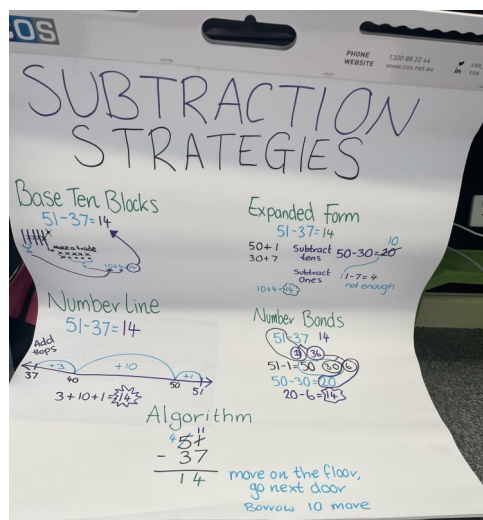
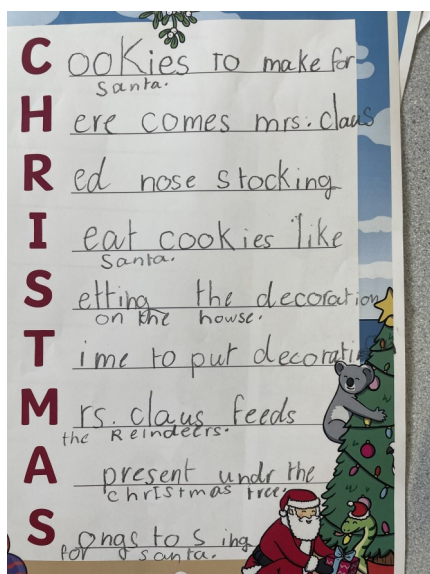
Emily – My favourite part was the bungy trampolines

Kimberly – My favourite part was the bungy trampoline

1/2 Update

This has been a SUPER busy week for the 1/2 's! Along with swimming and our excursion to Billabong Ranch, the children have launched into the reading and writing of poetry! We have been looking at acrostic poems! We learnt that acrostic poems use verbs (doing words) and adjectives (describing words) to help describe the topic. Here are some examples that the children have been writing about friends and Christmas!

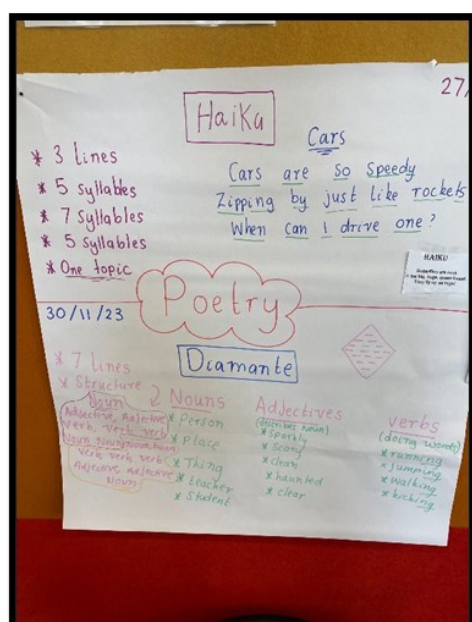
In maths, we have been revising the concept of subtraction. We use our known strategies to solve problems, such as Number lines and using expanded form.



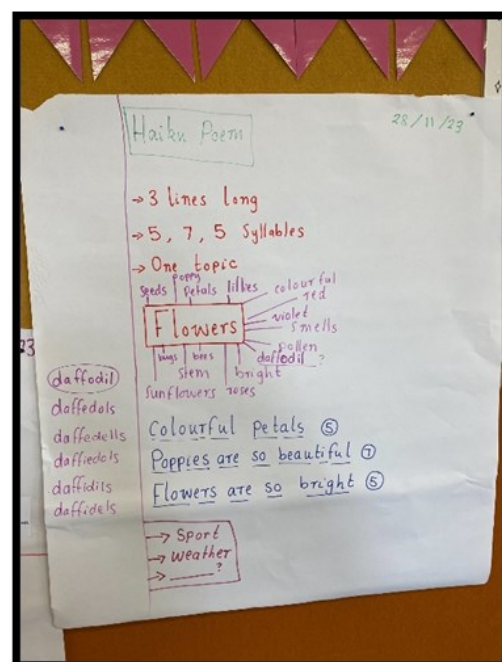
A week in grade 3/4 Stacey and Jess

This week in literacy students have started learning about poetry. We have looked at two different types of poems this week, Haiku and Diamante.

We have been learning about the structure of each poem and then having a go at writing our own.



In Maths students have continued working on fractions. We have looked at sharing out a pie cut into 6 equal pieces between family and friends. Students have also had a go at representing fraction as mixed numbers (e.g. $4\frac{1}{2}$).



4/5/6 Update

We have had a busy week in 4/5/6 with trips to the pool and Eaglehawk Secondary College! We are so excited to be slowly starting to wrap up our learning and publishing all our work from throughout the year! Grade 6 students have been busily working on their speeches for graduation too!

In reading and writing we started our new unit on poetry. We have been reading and writing ballad poems, identifying the stanzas, rhyming pattern and syllable counts!

Check out this poem from Sophia this week:

I got out of bed and suddenly remembered,
The task that I had meant to do.
How could I forget my teacher's reminder,
That today my maths mate was due!

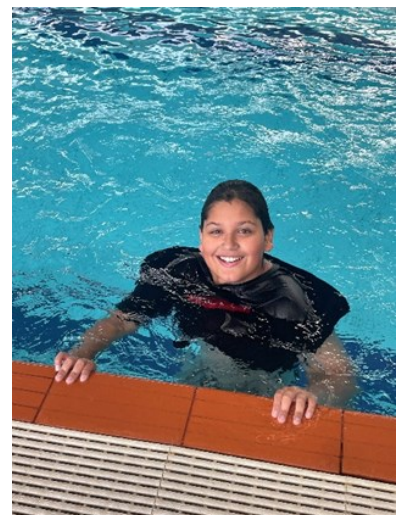
I went to school that day,
And my teacher gave me a second chance,
She said I had to bring it in,
Or I'll make you do a silly dance!

I got home, sat around and watched TV,
When I forgot again!
I fell asleep on the couch,
And woke up at 3am!

I worked all night to get it done,
And made my way to school.
I opened my school bag and saw it was empty,
Oh man, I felt like a fool!

In maths we have continued working through different BODMAS equations. We even learnt how to solve problems with double brackets! Can you solve this maths question?!

$$5 \times (2 \times [25 \div 5]) + (11 \times 3) - 7$$



ART WITH SHARON



Prep students explored how charcoal can be smudged and rubbed to create different effects. They drew a koala in charcoal and tried to give it a soft texture by smudging the outlines. Grade One and Two students followed instructions on how to draw a lion's head. They colored the head in pencil, and then used watercolors to paint the mane. This created a lovely contrast in textures.

Grade Three and Four students tried their hands at foil embossing. They are in the process of making foil fish.

Grade Four and Five and Five and Six students have completed their Mungo inspired art works. They are now beginning a dragon eye art piece. They are concentrating on creating interesting textures and details.



SPECIAL LUNCH - FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

****Please detach and hand this slip into the office by Wednesday 6th December 9am.**

\$3.00—Tomato Pasta

Student Name	Class	Tomato Pasta \$3.00	Prima Apple/ Sunshine Punch \$1	Snack Bar \$1.00	Zooper Dooper \$1.00	Total
1.						\$
2.						\$
3.						\$
4.						\$
5.						\$
					Total Enclosed	\$

Chinese with Phoebe

Prep

The prep students learned 6 family member words, including dad 爸爸[bà ba], mum 妈妈[mā ma], older brother 哥哥[gē ge], older sister 姐姐[jiě jie], little brother 弟弟[dì di], and little sister 妹妹[mèi mei]. They learned the words by creating gestures for each one and listening to the *I love my family* song. Moreover, they also played the *what is missing* game to get familiar with the pronunciation of these words.

Grade 1&2

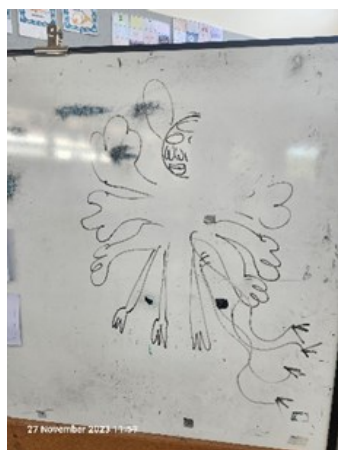
The Grade 1 and 2 students reviewed the two sentence structures (水果好吃/不好吃。The fruit is yummy/yucky.) from last week and learned the sentence “水果很好吃 (The fruit is VERY yummy.)” in Chinese. They created the gesture of putting thumb-up above their head to mean “very yummy” and they practiced the sentence structure through playing *open the boxes* and *sentence unjumble* games.

Grade 3&4

The Grade 3 and 4 students reviewed the 8 hobby words from the previous two weeks, including 跑步 (running), 跳舞 (dancing), 唱歌 (singing), 听音乐 (listening to music), 画画 (drawing or painting), 看书 (reading), 看电视 (watching TV), and 玩游戏 (playing games). They also learned the sentence structure to tell the hobbies they like or dislike “我喜欢/不喜欢……。” They practice using the sentences through playing the *random wheel* and *sentence unjumble* games.

Grade 4-5 Tayla & Grade 5-6 Nick

The Grade 4-5 & 5-6 students continued the exploration of giant pandas. They learned about giant pandas' body parts, which included 头 head, 脸 face, 手 hand, 脚 foot, 眼睛 eye, 耳朵 ear, 鼻子 nose, 嘴巴 mouth, and 尾巴 tail. They practiced through drawing monsters according to their partners' Chinese instructions and introducing the monsters they designed. Moreover, they also finished the worksheet to match the body part words with giant pandas' body parts.



Reverse Christmas!





Student of the Week

Class	Student of the Week	Attendance Award
Grade 1/2 Ellie	Value: Sophie S - awarded this week's learning award. Sophie has been working really hard on her writing this week. She has been writing different poems including acrostic poems and shape poems! Great effort, Soph.	Malia S
Grade 3/4 Jess	Student of the week: Eh Pla for doing a great job at typing, listening and then reading her books. Keep up the great work.	Aliqua
Grade 3/4 Stacee	Learning: Enrique M for creating a variety of haiku and diamante poems in writing. Well done Enrique!	Zoe T
4/5 Tayla	Learning award- Logan R- For his great work in maths on BODMAS. Logan has applied himself in all lessons to ensure his understanding. Well done Logan!	Sam T



Eaglehawk Primary School Attendance Week 9 of Term 4

90% total school wide attendance!!!

The class with the best attendance was
1/2 Amber with 97%!!!!!!!



Class	Whole class attendance %	H.E.R.O Letters received	H.E.R.O awards
Prep - Monique/Sophie	92%	H.E.R	5
Grade 1/2 - Amber	97%	H.E.R.O	4
Grade 1/2 - Ellie	95%	H	2
Grade 3/4 - Jess	90%	H.E.R.O	2
Grade 3/4 - Stace	85%	H.E.R	1
Grade 4/5 - Tayla	82%		2
Grade 5/6 - Nick	92%	H.E	4



If you have any concerns around attendance please see Mr Barri
Thank you

2024 REGISTRATION

EJFC registration day



**SUNDAY
10th December**

**2 Simpson Road , Eaglehawk
11:00 am - 2:00 pm**



Register online now!



REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1 This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session
- 2 Registrations have the following key benefits
 - a. Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
 - b. Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy, pump and footy cards
 - c. The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
 - d. Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3 Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below
or visit play.afl/auskick



Epsom Football Club Play soccer with us in 2024



Come & join us next year - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!

No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.



Non-Competitive Juniors
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive
Youth, Women, Men's

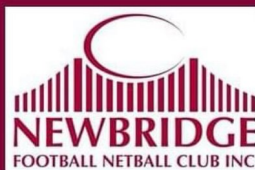


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NOW!**

For further information contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au
or visit www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer



🌟🌟🌟 2024 JUNIOR NETBALLERS
Looking forward to the 2024 season. Come and join us at Newbridge Football Netball Club ! Everyone is welcome.
Registration via link: <https://forms.gle/DQf1XLSvi5x5CxUZ7>



2024 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

JUNIOR NETBALL

Newbridge FNC will have playing positions available for the 2024 season

**Under 17
Under 15
Under 13
Minis**

For further info contact:-

Larni Cleeland - 0467 597 136
Netball Operations

Mandy Dixon - 0427 856 764
President

Jessica Baker - 0492 891 154
Junior Coach



CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

4th - 20th of DECEMBER

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO BRING JOY
TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

All donations will be passed onto Bendigo
Foodshare and Anglicare Victoria - Bendigo

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WELLBEING
CENTRE

Foodshare
HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

Anglicare
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CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

YOU CAN DROP OFF AT RECEPTION AT
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VENUES

Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre
Faith Leech Aquatic Centre
Brennan Park Swimming Pool
Marong Swimming Pool
Heathcote Swimming Pool

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FOOD DRIVE

supporting Bendigo Foodshare

You can HELP by donating:

- Canned fruit and veg
- Tea/coffee
- Rice and pasta
- Long-life milk
- Spreads (jam, peanut butter)
- Packet and bottled sauces
- Biscuits
- Puddings
- Tinned fish
- Breakfast cereals
- Non-refrigerated Christmas food items
- Toilet paper

TOY DRIVE

- Arts and crafts
- Board games
- Dolls
- Bikes
- Toy cars
- Gift vouchers
- Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- Kids jewellery
- Play dough
- Puzzles
- Baby toys
- Colouring books
- Kids books
- Dress ups
- Soft toys
- Hampers

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