



Newsletter January 2018

We are very pleased to announce that through our consistently good practice in developing children's communication and language skills, The Haven 2000 has been awarded a **Communication Friendly Award** assessed by the Speech and Language Therapy Service in Bedford Borough. You will shortly see this logo appearing on our paperwork and website.

We are also very pleased to say that new website www.haven2000.com has also gone live. Please use the site to read further newsletters. To catch up with events and dates and to read the feedback from the Award Assessor.

Having achieved an excellent standard of Communication provision we are now focussing on the development of a Maths Policy. The Early Years Foundation Stage framework (see your child's Development Book and

<https://www.early-education.org.uk/download-development-matters-early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs>

shows that Maths provision starts with Babies !

The skills of grouping, sorting, counting, exploring shape, volume and capacity are skills which all children do at levels appropriate to their age !

Furthermore **all** research shows that throughout their education children achieve better when their Parents and Carers are involved.

For the next 5 weeks in addition to children's individual Next Steps, all group learning will have a mathematical theme. Last year Preschool children benefitted from choosing maths activity cards and doing short activities at home. We've extended this idea to all aged children.

So ...

please choose a card from the tray labelled with your child's room. Do one or more of the activities. Then if you would like, take a photo on your phone and send it to me. I will print it for the room display. My email is maria@haven2000.com If children would like a sticker as a reward as well as the heaps of praise they will receive from their Key Person, then we will have plenty !

The next progress reports will be in April. It will be good to talk about the progress made.

Best wishes and a Happy New Year from all of us at The Haven to you and your families.

Maria