A Suggested Beginners' Scheme of Work

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Listening & Speaking	 Greetings Survival responses (including pronouns) e.g. Yes, no, toilet Use of voice recording eqpt e.g. talking tins, MP3 player etc 	Use of present tense e.g. I am, it is, you are Questions: spatial e.g. Where is the? Identification of objects/ people e.g. This is a, There are	Role Play: mealtimes, shopping	 Descriptive words Questions: present tense Riddles 	Questions Riddles (based on topics covered) Story sequences Describing / explaining how you feel e.g. I feel happy/ sad etc	Auditory discrimination, sound lotto - link with home / transport / animal	 Use of past tense Descriptive statements Story telling Group discussion
Topics / Vocabulary	 Greetings All About Me People / my body Classroom / school Numbers 1-10 Alphabet Calendar - days 	 People / family Classroom / school Numbers 11-20 Alphabet Calendar: days Shape and colour Clothes 	 Clothing / accessories Numbers 21-100 Food: common Food: meals Calendar: months Adjectives Colours Size Shape 	 Numbers - ordinals Animals: zoo, farm, pets Calendar: months 	Senses, feelings and actions	 Home - parts of Household items Transport 	 Telling the time Calendar: seasons
Language Functions (Purpose of Language)	 Identifying oneself & others e.g. I am, you are, he is, she is Naming / labelling My name is Simple classroom instructions 	 Identifying and describing Questioning: What is this? What are these? It is a / They are 	 Instructions Polite requests Survey of food: Do you like / dislike Classify foods Role Play Paired surveys / questionnaires 	Identifying animals Questioning: What is this? Where is the? What colour is the? What is the doing? Structures of various answers to different questions Describing animals: It has got	• Expressing needs & choices, e.g. I feel happy / sad , I am thirsty / hungry , He / she feels	Classification / grouping e.g. furniture, household items according to rooms Identifying Questioning: Where is the Describe / compare / homes: I live in a, My house has got, I live with	 Time connectives First, then, next, finally Sequencing events
Grammar & Structure	Pronouns: I / my Demonstrative: this, these Verbs: commands e.g. stand up, sit down, line up (Speaking & Listening)	 Indefinite articles: a, an Definite articles: the Interrogative: where, what, who (modelling by teacher) 	Verbs: present continuous I am eating Negative statements: e.g. I'm not eating Conjunctions / connectives e.g. and, but, so etc	• Question answering or asking: present tense e.g. What colour is the dog? How many legs has the got?	• Pronouns: Possessive e.g. my , his / hers, your, theirs	Regular verbs: regular, past tense Interrogatives: e.g. "Wh" questions - what, where, who How to structure answers Pronouns: me, us, you, him, her, it	Questions: past tense Learn to structure own questions and answers e.g. What did you do at playtime? Who did you play with? What did you have for breakfast?
Literacy Skills & Concepts	Pre-literacy hand control activities - Left/right orientation Letter names, sounds & key words e.g. copy / trace name Reading own name Making a "Myself" book Labels	Letter names Matching, copying and labelling sight vocabulary above Making books Sequencing	Matching letters Matching, copying & labelling sight vocabulary as above Rhyming words / sentences Rhyming poems Making books Sequencing options	Word families linked to poems / stories Riddles about animals Write descriptions of animals Compare life-cycles, habitats	Reading own writing (simple sentences)	Reading simple cloze captions	Reading simple cloze texts Word order - jumbled sentences

The scheme need not be followed chronologically

Integrate use of home language with multilingual resources

Appropriate teaching strategies and activities will depend upon a child's previous educational experience