Tracking Observations

What?

This type of observation follows a child as he/she moves around and between different activities.

Why

This is most useful when information is needed about a child's levels of

- concentration
- social interaction
- behaviour
- engagement with activities

It will not tell you about the quality of the child's experience at an activity. The length of such an observation can vary and samples taken at different parts of the day can be helpful.

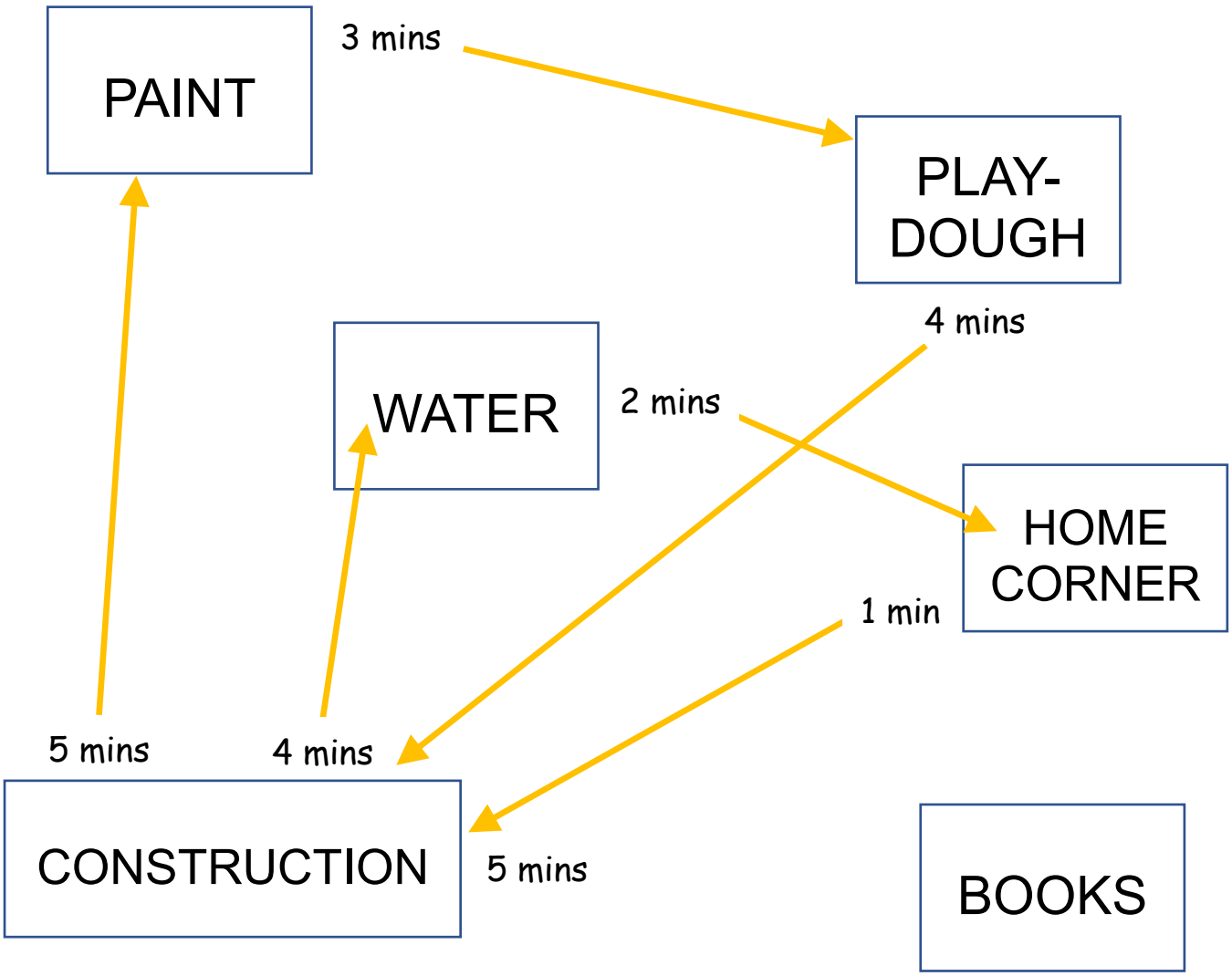
How? Two methods…

1. Take a note at regular intervals

A note is made at regular intervals e.g. every two minutes of where and what the child is doing for a period of 20 minutes.

Name of Child: SM	**Date: 20 April 2023**
Time:	**Activity:**
09:15	Construction building with Lego
09:17	Under the construction table
09:19	By the water table
09:21	Under the construction table
09:23	Etc…

2. Use a tracking flow chart or diagram



Top Tip

Once you have a plan of your setting photocopy a few and keep for future reference.

Remember to update the plan if you move activities around!