# Maths - Year 5 <br> Measurement 4: Estimating volume and capacity 

| Key Vocabulary |  |
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| Volume | How much space something takes up, often measured <br> in $\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ or $\mathrm{m}^{3}$. |
| Capacity | How much a container can hold, measured in, e.g. <br> millilitres (ml) or litres (I). |
| Vertex/ <br> vertices | A point where two sides meet in a flat shape, or a <br> point where three or more edges meet in a 3D shape. |
| Square <br> number | When a number is multiplied by itself, the product is <br> called a square number, <br> e.g. $3 \times 3=3^{2}=9$, so 9 is a square number. |
| Cube number | When a number is multiplied by itself twice, the prod- <br> uct is called a cube number, <br> e.g. $2 \times 2 \times 2=2^{3=} 8$, so 8 is a cube number. |

## Mathematical Skills

- Convert between cubic centimetres and millilitres or litres.
- Estimate the volume of a solid object in cubic centimetres.
- Estimate the volume of liquids in millilitres.
- Calculate the volume of a cuboid given the length, width and height.
- Describe what a cube number is.
- Calculate and recognise cube numbers (up to $6^{3}$ ).
- Recognise and create 2D representations of 3D cubes and cuboids.


## Mathematical Methods

- Finding the volume of a cuboid e.g. with Numicon 10 rods.

$10 \mathrm{~cm} \times 3 \mathrm{~cm} \times 2 \mathrm{~cm}=60 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$.
- Drawing 2D representations of cuboids.

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- Building cubes and exploring cube numbers.


3 squared


3 cubed

- Introducing the equivalence between cubic centimetres and millilitres e.g. If 10 s -rod's $10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ volume is equivalent to 10 ml , then a 1 -rod's volume is equivalent to 1 ml , a 2 -rod's 2 ml etc.


The rod makes the water level rise.

- Estimating and converting between volumes in cubic centimetres and millilitres e.g. $1 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}=1 \mathrm{ml}=0.001 \mathrm{l}$. Estimate the volume of the rubber ball by comparing it to 1 -rods ( $1 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ). Check your estimation using displacement e.g. the amount the water rises can be used to calculate the volume of the rubber ball.


$220 \mathrm{ml}-200 \mathrm{ml}=20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$
- Solving problems involving solid and liquid volumes and capacities e.g. designing plastic aquariums for shrimp.



## Can you..?

- Rhian has twelve 6-rods. What are the dimensions of all the cuboids she can make using all her 6-rods?
- How many white 1-rods would you need to add to the cylinder to raise the water level to the 500 ml mark?


