

MATHEMATICS— Measurement

CAPACITY AND VOLUME

In Room 5 we have been learning about Capacity.

We have been comparing containers to make estimations about which have the biggest or smallest capacity.

Here is what we noticed...

If a container is tall it doesn't necessarily mean that it will have the biggest capacity.



To make a good estimation we need to think about the height, width, and shape of the container.

When we filled up a container, we poured it into another container to see if it had more or less capacity.



The capacity is the total amount a container can hold. The volume is the amount inside it.

If the water overflowed it had more capacity. If it filled up under the lip of the jar it had less capacity.



We can use words like full, half full, nearly full, empty, nearly empty to describe the volume.