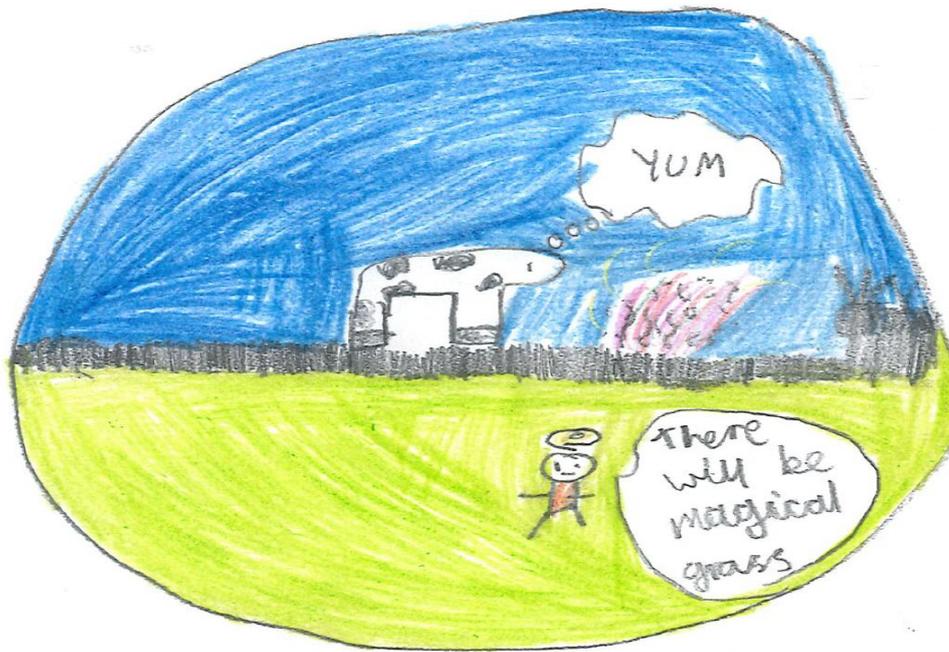


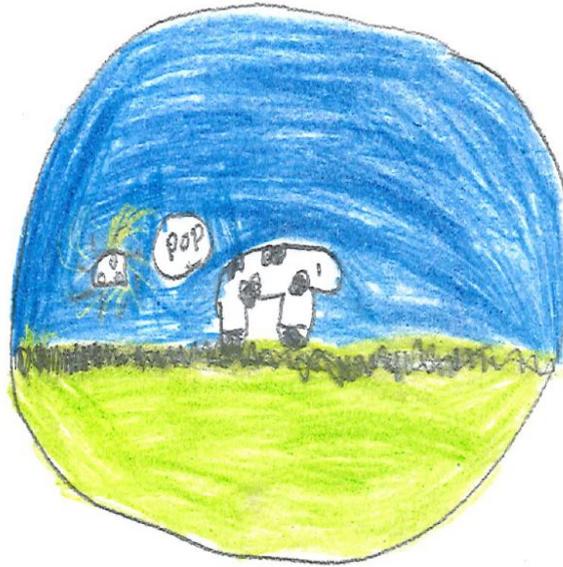
**The
Cow who
Pooped a
Moon**



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Once upon a time, there lived a cow called Bobby McMath, and he pooped a lot and when I mean a lot I mean a lot! On Monday, Bobby McMath woke up to go and have some fresh grass. Little did Bobby McMath know, this grass was magical.



Later that day, he pooped, but it was a MOON! But not a full one it was a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a moon.

He said, "Why have I only pooped a $\frac{1}{4}$ of a moon?"

Then Jimmy McMath came along and said, "It's because you ate magical grass."



“I ate WHAT!” moored Bobby McMath.

“You ate magical grass! It means you poop fractions of a moon,” explained Jimmy McMath.

On Tuesday, Bobby Mc Math went to have his usual fresh grass in his field. He completely forgot about the magical grass that made him poop fractions of a moon. When Bobby Mc Math ate the magical grass, he pooped $\frac{4}{16}$ of a moon. Bobby McMath asked himself, “Why did I poop $\frac{4}{16}$, not $\frac{1}{4}$?”

Then Jimmy Mc Math came along and said, “They’re exactly the same, have a look for yourself.”



“Oh yeah,” said Bobby McMath.

“Well that means we have $\frac{1}{2}$ altogether,” Bobby McMath said proudly.

“Yes indeed!” shouted Jimmy McMath.

On Wednesday morning, Bobby McMath did **not** forget about the magical grass, and decided to eat some different grass in a different area, he then pooped $\frac{8}{32}$ 'th of a moon.

Bobby McMath thought to himself, "I think that $\frac{8}{32}$ is the same as $\frac{4}{16}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$."

Bobby McMath was very excited to tell Jimmy McMath what he had thought. "I just pooped $\frac{8}{32}$ which is the same as $\frac{4}{16}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$!" said Bobby McMath excitedly.

"Well done Bobby McMath, you're learning," replied Jimmy McMath.

The next day, which was Thursday, Bobby McMath went to a whole new district and ate grass there but he still pooped some moon. He thought to himself, "I pooped $\frac{16}{64}$ (which is equivalent to $\frac{8}{32}$, $\frac{4}{16}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$). So that means altogether I have pooped a full moon! But why did I poop it in quarters?"

Well even I can answer that ... he only pooped in quarters because this is a maths story and it wouldn't be a maths story if it didn't have maths in it!

THE END

This is Bobby McMath:

