### Farm Boy

A sensory story based on the book by Michael Morpurgo



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#### **Transition Music**

Music is integral to so many sensory stories. Consistent transition music at the start and end of a story helps to enable children and young people to anticipate what is coming next and to participate more fully in the story-sharing process. They also help to set the mood for the story.

Please feel free to choose your own transition music. The following are only suggestions:

#### **Introductory music:**

 Marty Mone – The ploughing song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skDP\_7bm3Ao

#### Story ending:

Jack Hartmann – The funny farmer song



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#### Resources

You will need some sensory resources available for this story.

- Sound switch Old MacDonald
- Farm animal toys
- Farmer's flat cap
- Sound switch tractor noises
- Toy tractor
- Hula hoop (small diameter)
- Plastic cups
- Soft toy horse
- Edible soil or compost
- Spoon
- Sound switch laughter
- Clip-on tie or braces
- Ticking clock
- Sound switch "I've got a brand-new combine harvester" The Wurzels
- Skipping rope
- (checkered) Flag
- Stone or rock
- Sound switch (cheering)
- Sound switch "We are the champions"
- Flat caps
- Straw



Sound switch – Old MacDonald Farm animal toys Farmer's flat cap



Boy loved visiting his Grandpa on the farm.

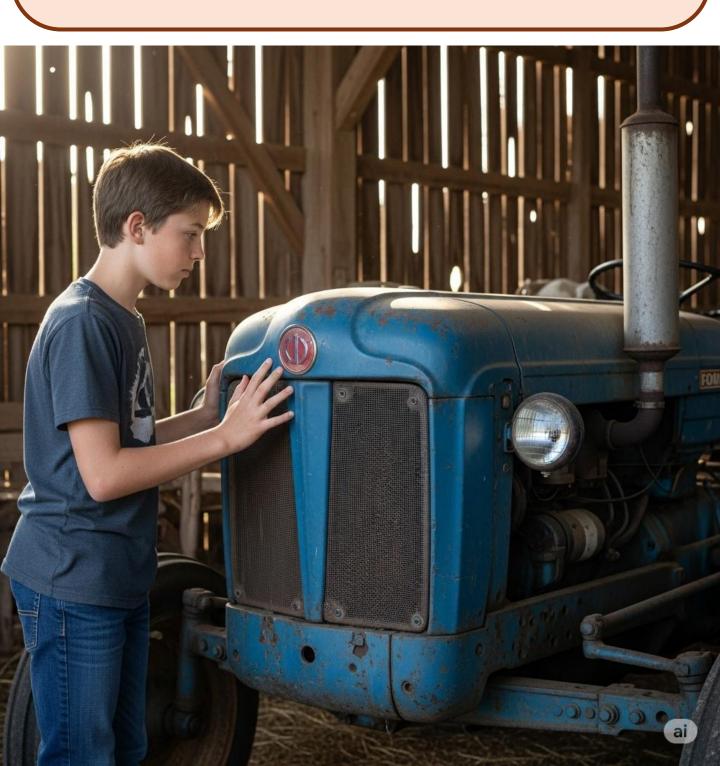


Sound switch – Tractor noises
Toy tractor
Small diameter hula hoop
Learners mimic steering using hula
hoop steering wheel



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He always liked the old tractor in the barn.



Plastic cups on table to make clipclop sound Soft toy horse



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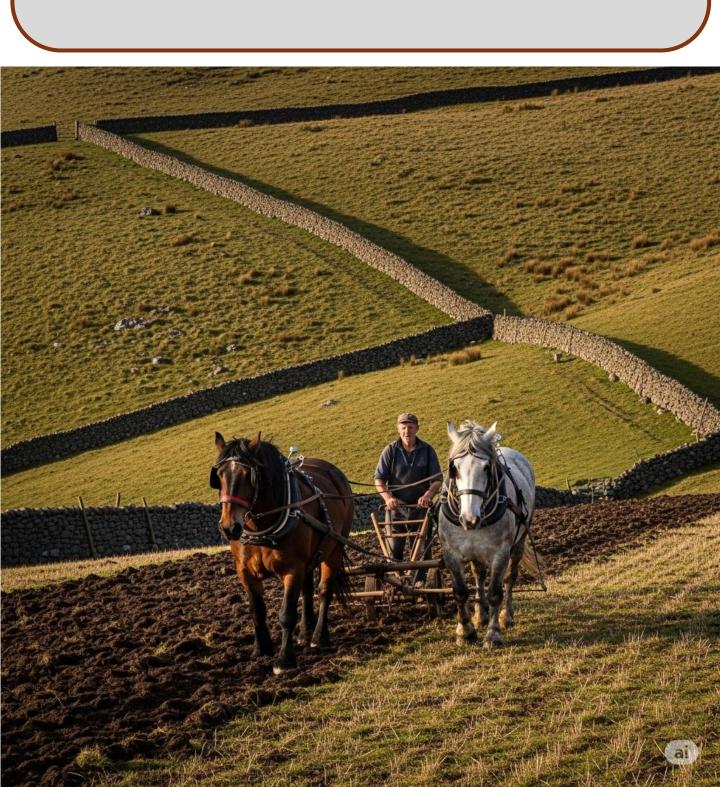
Grandpa said that when he was little, they used horses on the farm.



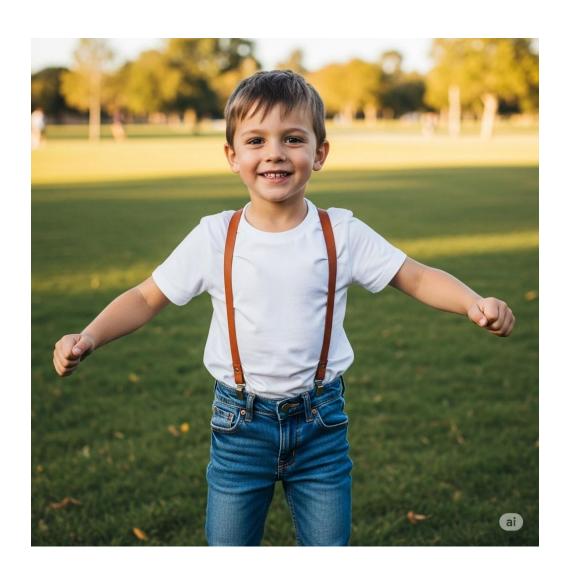
Tray of edible soil or compost Spoon to make marks in the soil



# The horses helped plough the fields.



Sound switch – Laughter Clip-on tie or braces



### One day Farmer Harry laughed at the horses.

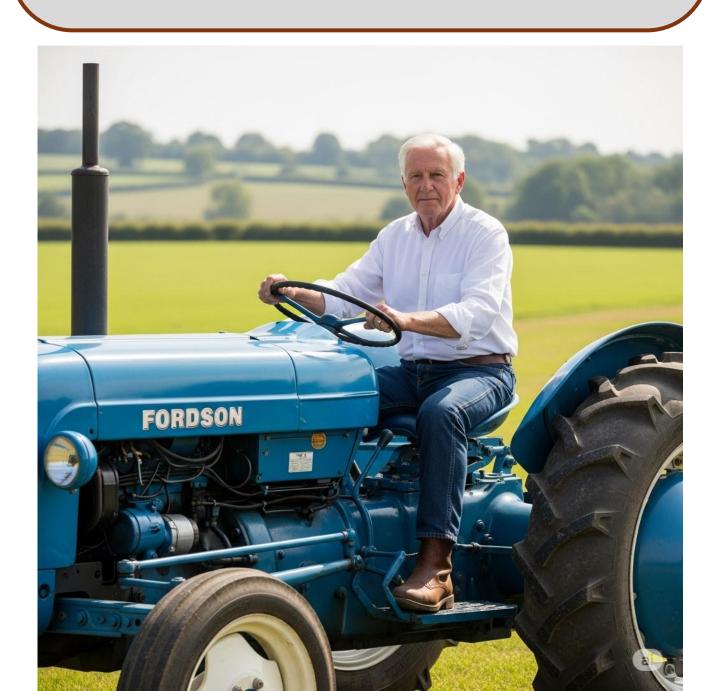


Ticking clock

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"I bet my tractor can plough the field quicker than your horses."

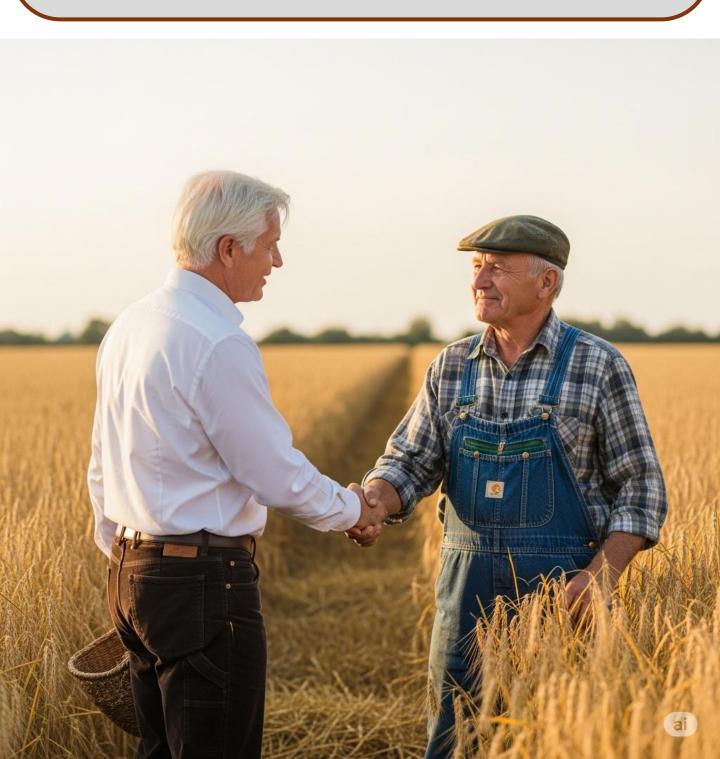


Sound switch – "I've got a brandnew combine harvester" The Wurzels

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## "if the horses win, I'll give you my tractor."

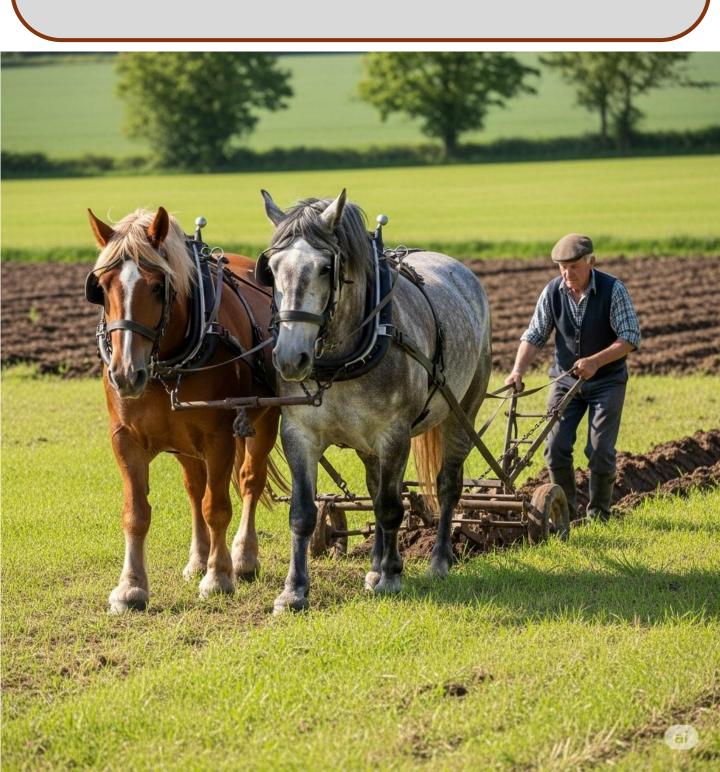


Skipping rope – learners pull against peers or adult



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# The race began. The horses pulled the plough.



Wave winning flag (checkered if possible)

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But the tractor was faster.
Will the tractor win?



Heavy stone or small rock



Suddenly the tractor hit a rock and toppled into a ditch.



Steady clip-clop sound using plastic cups on table
Checkered flag
Sound switch - cheering

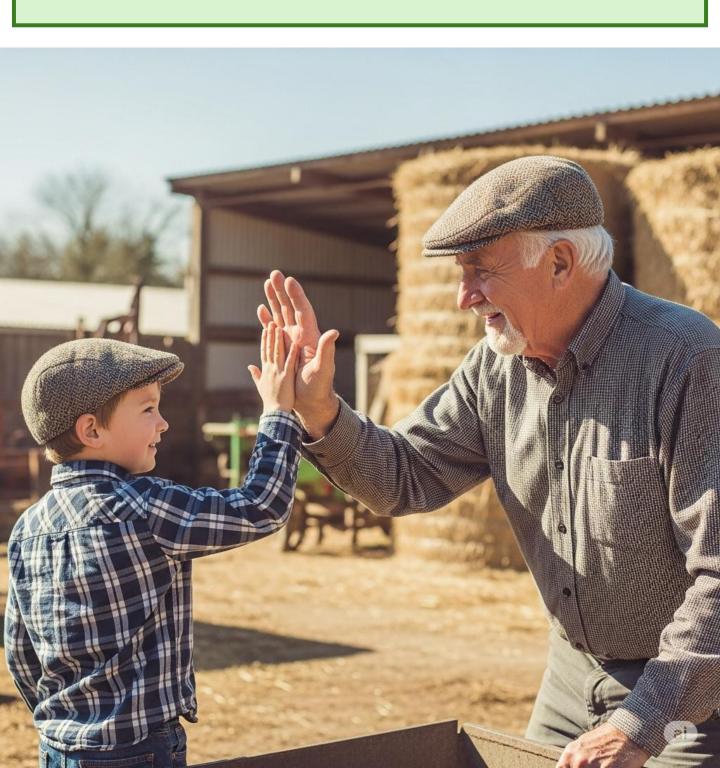


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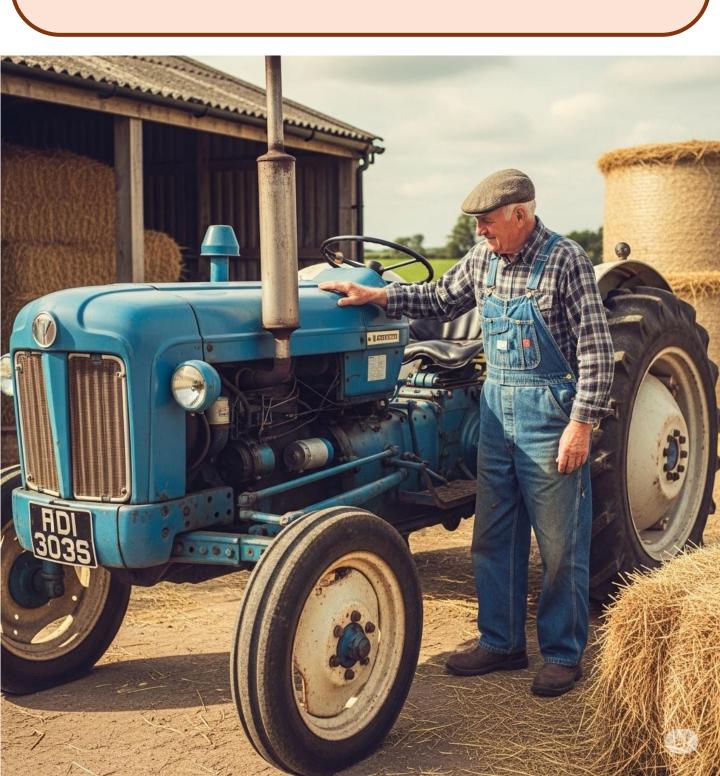
# The horses ploughed past the tractor. The horses won!



Sound switch – "We are the champions"



# That was how Grandpa won the tractor.



Place flat caps on learner's heads Straw for children to feel



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### Boy came to live on the farm and became a farmer too.



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