This is the day for Miss Baxter’s big class trip to a farm! Miss Baxter had her children read about farm animals before this trip. As her children rode that bus, Miss Baxter quizzed them.

“What is a baby cow called?” asked Miss Baxter. Tina raised her hand.

“A baby cow is a calf,” said Tina. “Will we see any calves at this farm today?”

“I can’t say,” replied Miss Baxter. “We’ll see. Now, who can tell me what kind of strong cow is used to pull carts?”
Miss Baxter’s class went silent.

“This kind of cow has big horns,” added Miss Baxter. “In class we saw that film about them. This cow helped pull tree trunks in a forest.”

Cathy raised her hand.

“Is it an ox?” she asked.

“Yes,” Miss Baxter stated. “An ox. That’s why people might say that something is ‘strong as an ox.’ Many times, two oxen are needed for pulling big carts.”

Just then, the bus stopped. The children got off the bus at Farmer Bill’s. As they waited for Farmer Bill, Tina walked to a fence. Tina spotted one sheep standing by that fence.

Tina saw that this sheep had a rock stuck in its hoof. Tina opened the gate to help that sheep. Suddenly, the sound of lots and lots of hooves made the ground shake! Twenty sheep came running out of that barn. They were all going to escape from the gate!

Farmer Bill came over just in time! He shut that gate. No sheep escaped! Tina told Farmer Bill that she spotted a rock in the hoof of one sheep. Farmer Bill fixed that sheep right up!

There were no close calls for the rest of the trip. The class had a good time on the farm.