



Introducing the adventure at the heart of Project X

The Power of Reading

Following the adventures of well-loved characters is widely acknowledged as one of the best ways to hook young children in to reading. Max, Cat, Ant and Tiger and their exciting adventures are at the heart of **Project X**. Their story runs throughout the books from school entry level to age 9 and provides a story arch that is guaranteed to enthrall all children.

The adventure begins

The discovery of four watches with a note that says '*Keep us secret, keep us safe*' marks an exciting beginning for Max and his friends Cat, Ant and Tiger. When they realize that the watches can make them to shrink to micro-size a whole new world of fantastic adventures opens up to them.

Massive micro-adventures

Max and his friends use their watches to have some amazing micro-adventures, including: white-water rafting on a pencil raft, snowboarding on spoons, exploring inside a sandcastle, zooming over sand dunes in their micro-buggy, surfing on lolly sticks, and battling with wasps at the school fair. If that's not enough, they also have to save London from a giant, rampaging hamster!

A mission to save the world!

With the appearance of a small red robot, the children gradually uncover clues as to the origin of their watches. In the later stories they encounter a man in a purple suit – Dr X – a villain who is intent on shrinking the world! Using all their ingenuity and courage Max, Cat, Ant and Tiger defeat Dr X and scupper his dastardly plans.

The end?

With Dr X locked up, could this be the start of something bigger (or smaller) ...?



MAX

CAT

ANT

TIGER

A longer synopsis of this story line is available from OUP. Please contact me: sophie.quarterman@oup.com