

## Design Your Own Cold Winter Surviving Animal

Ask students to design their own wild animal, with characteristics that would help it survive through a cold winter. They will need to decide if their animal will migrate, hibernate or adapt to the cold weather that's coming. Have students draw a picture of what their animal would look like, give it a name, and write about its fall and winter behavior. Use the questions below as a guide.

**An animal who migrates travels during winter to a place where there's more food.**

1. How will your animal survive the winter?
2. How will your animal travel?
3. Where will your animal go?
4. How will your animal find food during the trip?
5. How will it protect itself from predators while traveling?

**Hibernating animals sleep during the winter months, needing little or no food.**

1. How will your animal survive the winter?
2. Where will your animal sleep?
3. What is your animal's body covering?
4. How will it survive the winter without eating?
5. How will it protect itself from predators while sleeping?

**Animals who stays active in winter need to adapt to colder weather.**

1. How will your animal prepare for the long, cold winter?
2. Where will it sleep at night?
3. What is your animal's body covering?
4. How will it find food when the ground is covered with snow?
5. How will it protect itself from hungry predators?



Lily created a **Fluffy Fluffernutter**, a very furry, ground dwelling, hibernating mammal living deep in the forest. To survive the Ohio winter, **Fluffy Fluffernutters** eat a lot in the fall, dig a deep burrow, and grow a thick undercoat, before nodding off sometime before Thanksgiving.