



## Winter survivors

When the cold weather hits, we wrap up warm and turn the heating on. Do you know all of the clever ways that animals cope in the winter months? Find the answers underneath the wordsearch overleaf.

**Can you  
match the  
frosty facts  
to the correct  
animal?**

1

*I hibernate from November  
for up to four months  
by curling into a ball  
somewhere warm*

*My body temperature drops  
as low as 1 degree so that I  
don't use too much energy*

*I need to eat a lot in autumn  
to make sure I have enough  
fat stored to last the winter*



2

*I huddle close to my friends  
and family when it gets  
cold so that we can share  
body heat*

*I have a dark coloured back  
to absorb as much heat from  
the sun as possible*

*A special oil keeps me  
waterproof so I can stay  
warm all year round*



3

*I have fur on the soles of my  
feet to help grip the icy ground*

*I have a thick layer of fat all  
year round that keeps me  
warm and stores energy in  
temperatures as low as -40  
degrees*

*I dig pits and curl up in a  
tight ball when there is a really  
strong wind*

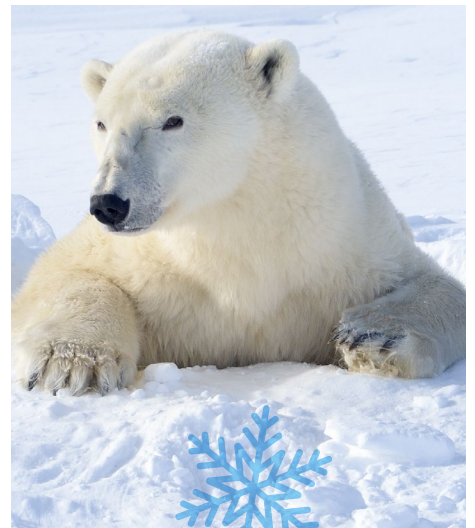


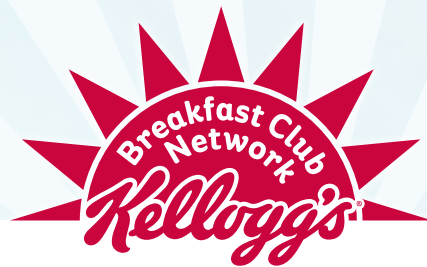
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*I usually eat nuts and berries,  
but if food is scarce I will eat  
insects, eggs and even small  
rodents*

*My nest is called a drey, and I  
line it with moss and feathers to  
keep warm, but my bushy  
tail helps too*

*When there is plenty of food  
around, I bury nuts and seeds  
close to where I live so I can find  
them in the winter when there  
is less food*

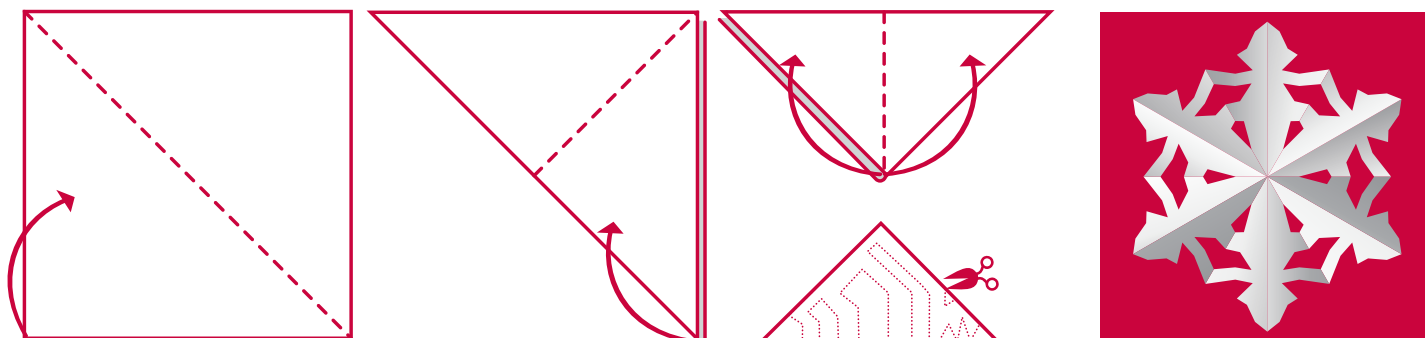




## Design a Snowflake

Fold a square piece of paper from the corner and then again so that you have a small triangle. Then cut small shapes from each of the edges and when you unfold it you will have a unique snowflake. You can use coloured paper, or paint a plain sheet of paper to fold and cut to create some different designs. Why not add glitter to the finished article to add some sparkle to your mornings and put them on display.

**Make sure children are supervised when using scissors.**



## Winter wordsearch



Print this wordsearch and see if pupils recognise some of the words from the festive foods fact file. **Who can complete it the quickest? Who can draw the best reindeer?**

- ☐ Christmas
- ☐ Beetroot
- ☐ Sprouts
- ☐ Parsnips
- ☐ Snowflake
- ☐ Skating
- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Reindeer
- ☐ Blizzard
- ☐ Cold



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