

Biology Assembly

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a restful, relaxing and enjoyable half term break. I would

through one, and expels it again through the other, filtering it to find food. The baby sea squirt is a little like a tadpole, swimming around to find a suitable rock on which to settle. When it has found the perfect spot, the sea squirt attaches itself and will never move again for the rest of its life. So far, you may consider the sea squirt and its life rather unremarkable. Well, consider this. Once the sea squirt has attached to the rock, it does something extraordinary. Having no further need for thinking, the sea squirt eats its own brain. The brain is reabsorbed into the body and the sea squirt lives the rest of its life without one. I don't know whether I am appalled or impressed by the sea squirt, but I think everyone in the room has probably met the human equivalent of the animal. That is to say, a person who has settled upon an idea or an opinion and feels no need to think any further on the matter. They might as well have absorbed their own brain.

