**Balanced Argument ~ Writing activities**

**ALL activities to be handwritten and I expect a high standard of presentation – please use a black handwriting pen.**

**Thursday** – Research into Children’s Screen Use: Download the information about children’s screen use. Make notes to gather information to include in your balanced argument about screen use. You could also use information from our own class: on today’s discussion, you will need to submit data about your own use of screens using the questions on the next page.

**Screen Use Questionnaire**

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| Which devices do you use at home on a daily basis? Circle, tick or highlight all that apply. | Tablet/iPad | Mobile Phone |
| PC | Games Console |
| Laptop | TV |
| On average (NOT DURING LOCKDOWN), how many hours do you use devices per day at home Monday to Friday? |  |
| On average, how many hours do you use devices per day on Saturday and Sunday? |  |
| (NOT DURING LOCKDOWN) Monday to Friday: What time do you stop using your devices (i.e. before you go to bed)? |  |
| Saturday and Sunday: What time do you stop using your devices (i.e. before you go to bed)? |  |
| On average, how many hours of exercise per day do you take at home Monday to Friday? |  |
| On average, how many hours of exercise per day do you take on Saturday and Sunday? |  |
| During lockdown, on average, how many more hours are you using a device Monday to Friday? |  |
| On average, what time do you go to bed Monday to Friday? |  |
| On average, what time do you go to bed on Saturday and Sunday? |  |

**Friday** – Different Points of View: Look the role cards on the next page and summarise the information about their views for and against screen use. You can use the format in the table below. I have modelled the first two points of view.

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| **Arguments FOR** | **Arguments AGAINST** |
| **Occupation** | **Reasons** | **Occupation** | **Reasons** |
| Governor | Keep up to date with news + worldwide issues; Can research anything; Schools need to use technology, need to encourage use | Local GP (doctor) | Can lead to emotional disorders; Affects good quality sleep which children really need; Violent video games can cause aggressive behaviour later in life |
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You will also need to summarise your own personal viewpoints in three bullet points. I would like you to upload these to today’s discussion.

**Role Cards**















